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PLEASING CONCERT GIVEN BY MISS HELEN YORKE AND MISS MARION E. HASKELL

The music lovers of Bethel and vicinity were treated to a very enjoyable concert given by Miss Helen Yorke, coloratura soprano, assisted by Miss Marion E. Haskell, with Miss Marion Simms and Miss Ruth Cummings as accompanists.

Miss Yorke and Miss Haskell need no introduction to a Bethel audience as they have both appeared here before. Miss Simms and Miss Cummings are new faces to a Bethel audience but they both won their way into the hearts of the large audience assembled at Odeon Hall.

A most delightful program was arranged by Miss Yorke, with arias, English, Italian and French songs, giving a scope for her talents and showing the possibilities of her voice.

She carries her audience with her, in the delight which she has in singing, and the action in face and manner add infinitely to her charm. But her seriousness was shown in the song, That Night by Vanderpool, which was most delicately sung, and the daintiness of Butterflies was exquisite. One of the jolly songs was an encore, The Big Brown Bear, which made the hall ring with laughter. Probably the most unique was the group of Neapolitan songs in dialect, in which the actress was evident and the varied emotions and mannerisms of the Neapolitans could be plainly read by her tone and action. One could but remember that Miss Yorke was in Italy during the war time and witnessed a great deal of the national life during that period. For her closing number, Voci di Primavera was sung, which was beautifully rendered, but the audience insisted on another appearance and song, Flirtation, was given.

Miss Marion Simms, a gifted pianist, was accompanist for Miss Yorke, and added greatly to the production.

Miss Marion E. Haskell, violinist, of Norway, was the assisting artist, and she showed a great deal of talent, and with her accompanist, Miss Ruth Cummings, was a decided addition to the program. Miss Haskell opened the concert with the 7th Concerto, Beriot, playing with delicacy and sincerity. The sympathy or "team work," between the violinist and pianist was evident and the audience felt a decided interest in the two young ladies. Miss Haskell played a violin obligato for a song by Miss Yorke. Miss Haskell is a student of Felix Winternitz of Boston, and Miss Cummings is a graduate of Pianoforte School of Boston. They both have a class of pupils, and take an active part in the musical life of their town. Miss Haskell is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Garey of Bethel.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

METHODIST CHURCH

Morning service at 10.45. Sunday school at 12. Evening service at 7.

Class meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.30

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday: Morning worship with sermon at 10.45.

Christian Endeavor service in the evening at 7 o'clock. Topic, The Beauties and Wonders of God's World.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Bowdoin, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

WEST BETHEL

Services will be held in the West Bethel Union church at 10.30 o'clock next Sunday. Sunday school at 11.30 o'clock. Everyone invited to attend the services.

EAST BETHEL

The usual services will be held next Sunday, Aug. 29, at the usual hour. Subject, "Personal Magnetism." All are cordially invited.

WEST BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mason and Mr. Carhill of Milford, N. H., who have been visiting Leland Mason, returned to their home, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Mills of Portland, Miss Harriett Lindsay of Chicago, Miss Elizabeth Walsh of Franklin, Mass., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mills recently.

Mrs. Mary Bean and daughter, Edna, of Colorado visited Mrs. Alfred and Miss Grace Farwell, recently, as they expect to start for their home this week, having been in Maine nearly a year with relatives, Maine being Mrs. Bean's childhood home.

Miss Dorothy Mills of Gorham, N. H., is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mills, also Mrs. A. M. Farwell of Roslindale, Mass., is visiting her brother and family.

TEACHERS ASSIGNED

For the Bethel-Greenwood-Gilead-Mason District

The following teachers have been assigned to the schools for the school year beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7:

Bethel Village, Principal—
Edna M. Bartlett
Room III—Lillian B. Cochran
Room II—Annette L. Austin
Room I—Ethel J. Philbrick
East Grammar—Eda L. Thurston
East Primary—Laura Cummings
West Grammar—Molly C. Stanley
West Primary—Mary L. Grover
Northwest—Gwendolin Godwin
Flat—Libbie L. Goodridge
Middle Intervale—Myrtle Wilson
Milton—Bertha M. Packard
South—Clare Mason
North—Not filled

GREENWOOD

Locke's Mills Grammar—
Myrtle I. Bickler
Locke's Mills Primary—Ruth L. Cole
Bryant—Alice L. Spiller
Greenwood City—Myrtle R. Hayes
Patch Mountain—June Tracy
Irish—Grace M. Dearden
Tubbs—Lillian Doughty
Richardson—Not filled
Shadagee—Not filled

GILEAD

Marjorie Jordan

MASON

Not filled

FEDERAL AID BIG STIMULUS TO HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Operations Begun Thus Far Aggregate More Than 29,000 Miles. Federal Government Cooperates With the States on a Fifty-Fifty Basis as to Costs. Leads to Building of Most Durable Types of Roads Over All the Country

The unprecedented stimulus given highway construction in the United States in the four years that have passed since the Federal Government entered upon its policy of aiding road improvement is shown by the fact that road operations under the Federal aid road act thus far initiated aggregate in length nine times the distance from New York to San Francisco, according to Thomas H. MacDonald, Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture. The Federal Government's share in this stupendous undertaking is greater than the cost of the Panama Canal. The participation of the National Government in highway improvement marked a departure from a policy which had been followed for nearly a century. Federal cooperation with the States on approximately a "50-50" basis has counted more than any other factor, says Mr. MacDonald, in initiating highway construction that is being carried on under adequate supervision, and in accord with a program coordinating local, State, and national needs.

Highways of Durable Types

Second only in importance to the size of the present road building program is the excellence of the character of the roads being built. Sixty per cent of the total allotment of Federal funds which has been apportioned to date will be spent for roads of such durable types as bituminous concrete, Portland cement concrete, and vitrified brick. These roads, when built, will increase by 7,600 miles the total of 14,400 miles of roads of this class which existed in the United States before the Federal aid road law was passed. But these figures by no means represent the total mileage affected.

In 1917 the total expenditure for roads and bridges by all the States and local governments was $267,000,000, while this year the estimated funds available for main road construction are nearly three times that amount, or $663,000,000. In all, Federal funds to the amount of $266,750,000 have been apportioned among 48 States without a suggestion of favoritism so adequate are the provisions for a just apportionment.

Far Reaching Results

One of the early and most far reaching results directly attributable to the adoption of the Federal aid program was the creation of adequate State highway departments in 17 States which previously had either no State department, or departments insufficiently equipped. Within one year after the passage of the Federal aid road act more constructive State highway legislation was placed upon the statute books than had ever been enacted in a similar period in the history of the country.

The insistence of the Government upon the construction of Federal aid roads

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LITTLEHALE REUNION AT AT NORTH NEWRY

The fourth annual reunion of the Littlehale family was held at Eames' Hall, North Newry, Sunday, Aug. 22, with 105 members present.

After a delicious dinner the Association was called to order by the president, Adelbert Littlehale of Paris, and the following officers elected:

President—Adelbert Littlehale
Secretary—Mrs. E. L. Cole
Treasurer—Mrs. Althea Eames
Lecturer—Y. A. Thurston
Dinner Com.—Mrs. Geo. Cutting, Mrs. Howard Thurston, Mrs. Abbie Marston, Miss Edith Littlehale, Mrs. Althea Eames.

It was voted to hold the next meeting at Eames' Hall, North Newry, the third Wednesday in August, 1921.

Following are the names of the members present: William Littlehale family, Abbie Littlehale Marston, Andover; Claude Marston and family, Earl Marston and wife, Stephen Marston and family; Mrs. Grace Moody, Rumford; Mrs. Lucinda Bristol and daughter, James Littlehale, wife, daughter, Mrs. Maggie Stuart, Roscoe Littlehale, wife, three sons, Andover; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cutting, So. Paris; Mrs. Kate Littlehale Abbott and daughter, Mrs. Stanley Wheeler, Paris; Ernest Abbott, wife and three children, Jacob Littlehale family, Rumford; Mrs. Marjorie Hanson and daughter, Roger Thurston, wife and daughter, Andover; John Littlehale, Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Parker, Newry; Thomas Littlehale family, Clifford Littlehale and wife, Errol, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Lane and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wight and two sons, North Newry, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thurston, Mr. Hugh Thurston and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young and son, Mrs. Althea Littlehale Eames and husband and three sons, Mr. and Mrs. True Eames and two sons, Ernest Eames, three boys, Arnold Eames, North Newry, Mrs. Minnie Littlehale Stearns of Framingham, Mass., and daughter, Mrs. Elsie Stearns Davis and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cole and two children of Berlin, N. H., Arsenath Littlehale family, Leona Walker, son, Elton and wife, Joseph Littlehale family, Marcellus Littlehale, North Paris, Adelbert Littlehale and wife, Edith Littlehale, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Swan and daughter of So. Paris, Francis Littlehale and wife of Durham, Albert Littlehale, wife and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chapman and son, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Littlehale and three children, William Littlehale, Wilma Littlehale, Alvah Hendrickson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wight of North Newry, Miss Carrie Wight of North Newry, Chester McAllister of Paris, John Warren of Andover, Ralph Akers of Andover, Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Thurston of Andover, and Mrs. Walter Abbott of Paris.

ALBANY

The social held at the vestry Friday evening was well attended. Friends from out of town were: Herbert I. Bean and family of Lewiston and Harry Jones of China, Me., Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clark and son Richard of Bolster's Mills, also Misses Jean and Doris Brook of Boston, Mrs. Roxie French of Oxford and Arthur Andrews and family of Bryant's Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel Andrews were recent afternoon and evening guests of A. G. Bean's.

Mrs. Abel Andrews has been spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. A. B. Clark of Bolster's Mills.

Mrs. Melvina Potter of South Brookfield, Mass., has been visiting Mrs. Alton Fernald and Mrs. Abel Andrews.

DIXFIELD

A pleasant affair was the lawn party held Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Gardner. A picnic supper was served on the spacious lawn.

Mrs. Addie Humphrey has recently sold her residence situated on Abbott Hill, to William Chubb.

Miss Georgie Johnson of Portland is a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Gilkey.

Mrs. Ella Walker was a guest of relatives at North Newry, Sunday.

Mrs. Lydia Smith of Newmarket, N. H., is in town, visiting at the home of her sons, Fred and Alfred Kidder, also other relatives and friends. She is accompanied by her daughter.

Miss Minnie Hildreth of Lewiston is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lanegand family.

Walter Davenport and family from Rangeley were guests for the week end of W. H. Davenport and family.

Mrs. Edgar Bean was at North Jay for the week end, a guest at the home of Fred Burgess and family.

Mrs. Aurilla Porlin in company with her son, Will Porlin, wife and daughter Althea of Weld were guests Sunday at the home of H. J. [illegible] Brady and family.

'88-'89 "GET-TOGETHER"

Wednesday, August 18th, at 10.30 A. M., the bell of "Old Gould's" rang out its summons to those who look forward each year to the day in August, when the pupils attending the Fall term of '88 and Winter and Spring of '88-'89 enjoy their annual picnic.

The committee elected to arrange for the "Get-together" each year keep the outing place a profound secret, until the last moment and the announcement that "Camp Ellery Dell" was to be our lunching spot this year was received enthusiastically.

About twenty-five were present, each year bringing some who have been unable to attend other years.

Following the bountiful lunch, the afternoon was spent wandering about the grounds and beautiful cottage of the hostess, boating and exchanging happy reminiscences of school days.

Just before separating committees reported, communications were read from absent members, the executive committee appointed for 1921 and each one signed his name to an original limerick in the guest book, at the request of the hostess, the reading of which brought shouts of laughter.

The song written by the only poetess of the class in honor of the first "Get-together", was sung three hearty cheers and a tiger given the committee, Miss Jennie M. Rich, Miss Frances Carter and the hostess Mrs. Alforetta A. Edwards for, as one so aptly wrote in her limerick, "the jolliest picnic yet."

Reluctant "good byes" were said, each vowing to be present next year and try to bring one more.

The following were present: Harry Jordan, Alice Bean Jordan, Fanny Carter, Howard Carter, Harvey Carter, George Rich, Jennie Rich, Wm. T. Eldredge, Ruby Clark Eldredge, Al. Van Den Kerckhoven, Emma Jones Van Den Kerckhoven, Herman Skillings, Grace Grover Skillings, Fred Clark, Ella Kendall Clark, Herbert Rowe, Alice Russell Rowe, Lindon Bartlett, Winnie Hall Bartlett, Alforetta Edwards, Jennie Coffin Abbott, Rena Merrow Foster, Fred Gordon.

RUMFORD MERCHANTS WEEK CARNIVAL IN FULL SWING

Mr. D. B. Knowlton of Massachusetts who makes an annual visit to Rumford with his merry-go-round for a stay of two or three weeks has arrived in town for Carnival Week, and for perhaps longer.

Rumford is certainly festive in its decorations for carnival week, colored lights being strung across the streets, all electric light poles on Congress street being wound and trimmed with flags and a general air of gayety in everything about.

Attractive sidewalk booths are in front of many of the stores, dispensing and displaying goods, a larger assortment of which may be found within the store. Never before has the town celebrated on so elaborate a scale, and seldom has any other town of the State done so.

Three causes are at the bottom of this week's festivities. First, the State of Maine Centennial, secondly, the desire for an Old Home Week, and thirdly, booming Rumford. No pains have been wasted, no efforts spared to make this a gala week in the history of the town. The committee and townspeople feel satisfied that they can welcome these guests cordially, and are surely having a good time themselves.

Many novelty surprise features are being constantly sprung by the entertainment committee which are not on the regular program, the crowd never knowing what is going to happen next until it happens. They are kept guessing.

WEST PERU AND DICKVALE

Mrs. A. W. Tracy and daughter of Stoughton, Mass., were guests of H. S. Tracy, Gerald Tracy and H. E. Rafuse and family last week.

E. G. Child and son are having on the J. E. Dow farm.

Gerald Tracy has a Ford roadster which he purchased of parties in South Paris, recently.

Mrs. Herbert Bowker has returned from a visit with friends at Phillips and Wilton.

Vernon Farrar is sawing wood with his engine for Arthur and Fred Eastman.

Why People Buy Rat-Snap in Preference to Rat Poison

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GRANGE NEWS

BEAR RIVER GRANGE

A special meeting of Bear River Grange was held Wednesday night, Aug. 18, with fifty members and two visitors present. All officers were present except L. A. S. Two applications for membership read and accepted. Three candidates were instructed in the third and fourth degrees, after which the following program was given by members excused from roll call with L. E. Davis and L. A. Roberts committee:

Reading,	Lena Bartlett
Jokes,	Elsie Enman
Reading,	P. O. Brinck
Story,	Ezra Chapman
Story,	Fred Staples
Reading,	L. A. Roberts

Refreshments of punch and fancy cookies were served.

The next meeting, Aug. 28, will be a night with the "Birds." The Worthy Lecturer announced a Grange paper, for the next meeting with Sister Carrie French as editor. All the brothers and sisters are earnestly requested to send items for same to Sister French. Send something if it's nothing but a quotation. A "pie social" for refreshments next meeting. The pies are to be made by the brothers, their names to be on the bottom of the plate. The sisters are to buy the pies and eat supper with the brother whose name appears on plate, the money to be added to the penny collection fund to buy refreshments.

BETHEL GRANGE

Bethel Grange held its regular meeting Aug. 19. The ladies did not serve supper but a small number of the Grangers served a pie supper on the lawn. The meeting was called to order by Past Master Levi Bartlett at 8.00 o'clock. Opened in form, minutes of last meeting read and approved. Three applications were balloted on. Voted that the defeated side in the contest serve supper on Mr. Copeland's lawn Sept. 2. Twenty-one members and one visitor were present. The program was as follows:

Opening Song, encore,	Mrs. Hapgood
Quotation,	Mae R. Bartlett
Selected reading,	Mrs. Godwin
Remarks on the late war,	Will Hapgood

Closed with practicing the salutation. Closed in form. The next meeting will be held Sept. 2.

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE

Pleasant Valley Grange held its usual meeting on Tuesday evening, Aug. 24. The business before the Grange consisted chiefly of a discussion of plans for the West Bethel Fair to be held on Sept. 8th. The following dinner committee was appointed: Sisters Alice Ordway, chairman, Belle Bennett, Betsy Morrill, Georgia Cushing, Bertha Mundt and Alice Brown. Supper committee: Gertrude McKenzie, Bessie Kessell, Helen Tyler, Edmund Smith. Late supper committee: Harry Head Chairman of horse pulling contest, Charles McInnis; Live-stock committee, Dana Morrill.

The meeting closed with the following literary program:

Song,	Grange
Reading,	Edmund Smith
Story,	Douglas Cushing
Song, encore,	Doris Ordway
Talk,	Harry Head
Biography, by his wife,	Fred Mundt

The Lecturer announced a prize for the member submitting the best idea for a literary program. At the next meeting a debate will be held on the question, "Resolved, that money is a greater power in the world than education." Affirmative, D. W. Cushing, L. A. Sumner, negative, E. C. Smith, H. N. Head.

NORTHWEST BETHEL

Adelmar Brown is at home for a brief vacation from his work as salesman for the Charles B. Varney Co. of Portland.

Miss Joan Skillings and sister, Marion, have gone to Harvard, Mass., to visit their grandmother, Mrs. Julia Bean.

Mrs. Mabel Carpenter is spending some time with relatives in Massachusetts and New York.

L. A. Sumner found one of his span of grey horses dead in the pasture, recently.

Mrs. Thomas Quinn and son, Edward, of Portland have been guests of Mrs. Quinn's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mason, for some days.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wagner of Lynn, Mass., are visiting at J. A. Brown's.

Miss Viola M. Richards of Brockton, Mass., is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown.

Mrs. E. S. Skillings has returned to Portland after spending some days at her old home.

Miss Katherine Brown has been spending a few days at Bethel with Miss Clare Mason.

WANT COLUMN

Twenty-five words or less, one week, 25 cents; second week, 15 cents; each additional week, 10 cents.

Each word more than 25: One week, 1 cent and each additional week, ½ cent.

SHOE SALE

On Thursday I shall put on sale several lots of white boots and shoes, also some lots of leather shoes, at bargain prices.

These are broken sizes and odd lots. The recent big advance in the price of white shoes should make the prices I am offering very attractive.

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LOST

One rim to headlight, also Raydex reflector. Finder please notify and receive reward.
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8 26 1t p Bethel, Maine.

LOCKE'S MILLS ROAD

Mr. Blazer, who has spent the summer in Bethel, went to Lynn, Mass., last week. Mrs. Blazer will remain here for a time as the guest of her daughters, Mrs. Joseph Mather and Mrs. Howard Gunther.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Chapman, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Grover and Miss Shaw of South Paris were in Bethel the 22nd.

Mrs. Anna Grace and daughter, Loretta, of Massachusetts are at A. Levesque's.

Mrs. Jennie Mower of Auburn is with Mrs. Fred Bean.

Miss Dorothy Glines will spend a few days in Norway before the schools begin.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bean and son, Ashley, also Mr. and Mrs. Jordan of South Paris were at Seth Mason's one day last week.

Mrs. Parker of Vermont spent the day with Mrs. Fred Bean, recently.

Warner Kendall took Mr. Wm. Chapman, Clayton Kendall, Olin Boothman and Seth Mason to Buckfield in his auto the 22nd.

Miss Katherine Brown was the guest of Miss Clare Mason over the week end.

Mrs. Joseph Mather and daughter, Anna, were visitors at Mrs. Howard Gunther's the first of the week.

SMILE BUTTONS

The American Protective Tariff League has just issued its campaign button which reads as follows "Harding and Coolidge, SMILE, 1920," and on the back of the button are the words "Protection Prosperity." The "Smile" is in red ink across the button and as large as space will allow. Two buttons sent to any address by letter mail for six cents, address W. F. Wakeman, Sec., 639 Broadway, New York.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1920.

NORWAY

The class of '00, Norway High School, held their annual reunion Thursday afternoon and evening at Whippoorwill Park, the home of Miss Elizabeth G. Lasselle. A fine time was reported.

The Veranda Club observed Children's day, Wednesday of last week, at the home of Mrs. Alfred Dyer. A picnic dinner was enjoyed at noon. Games were played and a very enjoyable day was spent by all.

W. T. Smith of Mechanic Falls has opened a jewelry store and watch repair shop in the rooms formerly occupied by the late F. A. Cole.

Miss Etta Noyes and Miss Lillian Bisbee went to Poland Camp Ground, Saturday and spent the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rice and son, Donald, were at home from Old Orchard last week for a few days.

Miss Marjorie Buswell, night nurse at the Warren Paper Co. private hospital, Westbrook, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Buswell, last week.

Kenneth Auger is visiting his uncle, Frank Haskell, and family.

Miss Celestine Judkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Judkins, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Richard Deitrich, at Auburn, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. A. E. K. Grover is in Worcester, Mass., for an indefinite stay.

Miss Gertrude Carey of Taunton, Mass., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. William DeCroteau.

Mrs. E. A. Cox of North Norway, who has been visiting at Presque Isle, Augusta and Auburn, has returned home.

Mrs. Carrie Roberts of Augusta, formerly of Norway, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall of Boston are occupying Harry Packard's cottage at Little Pennesseewassee, Norway Center.

Mrs. Marie Henderson of Orono and Mrs. Dorothy Fickett of Bethel were recent guests of their sister, Mrs. Moses Kimball.

Mr and Mrs Frank Murdock of Dover, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Goodwin of Rochester, N. H., were recent guests of Frank W. Murdock and family

C. V. Webber has bought a farm at Monmouth and will move his family there this week

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Briggs have moved their household goods to Berlin, N. H., where he has employment.

$100 Reward, $100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Wilfred G. Connary and family are occupying the rent vacated by Mrs. Briggs in the Hathaway block.

Miss Doris Dugan of Lewiston is a guest of Miss Mildred Huff.

Alton Luck has finished work as baggage master and clerk at the G. T. R. station and is enjoying a vacation. Maurice Prince is filling the position.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Faunce and three sons of Jamestown, Pa., are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Faunce, and sister, Mrs. Hugh Pendexter.

Mrs. Charles P. Kimball was in Lewiston last week, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Harriman, and family.

Miss Estelle Law of Southbridge, Mass., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hutchins.

Mrs. Arthur Lewis and children have returned from a visit in Lynn, Mass.

Miss Madeline Proctor of Auburn is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Perley Proctor.

Miss Althea Meader of Bristol, Conn., and Mrs. Edward Hunt of Lewiston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Cross last week, also A. L. Cook and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stiles of Portland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Abbott last week.

C. N. Bancroft of Westbrook was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Emily Twitchell, last week.

Leon C. Farwell of Fitchburg, Mass., was a recent guest of G. L. Curtis and family.

Dr. and Mrs. Lester Horne of Fairhaven, Mass., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Smith.

Mrs. Agnes D. Currier has bought the Sawyer place on Danforth street.

Albert Bartlett, who has been attending a summer school at Columbia University, New York, is home with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Bartlett.

Mrs. Sarah Buck of Rumford, who has been a guest of her granddaughter, Mrs. Clara Ethridge, has gone to New Gloucester for a visit.

The Ladies' Circle of the First Universalist church are to hold a special meeting at the home of Miss Delia M. Noyes.

Arthur W. Welch of the firm of Brown & Welch, of the Norway Auto Company, broke his right wrist Sunday afternoon while cranking a Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Ridlon were in Portland and Old Orchard for the day, Sunday. Their niece, Miss Doris Clough, who has been their guest for several weeks, went with them and returned to her home in Augusta at night.

Mrs. Georgia Wight of Roxbury, Mass., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Hills went to Augusta, Sunday, to call on Mrs. Mary Lowell who is a patient at the City Hospital.

Dr. Harry P. Jones and Dr. Arthur W. Easton are in Boston this week attending the 24th annual convention of the National Dental Association.

Will Johnson of Richmond was in town, Saturday, calling on old time friends.

Mrs. Philip Wight and son of Bath have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Andrews, Cottage street, and sister, Mrs. Evander Whitman. Mr. Wight was in town over the week end.

Mrs. Arthur Hill of Gray is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Alice Nash, for a few days

Jesse P. Edwards was at the Mechanic Falls Camp Grounds over the week end where Mrs. Edwards has been for the past two weeks. She returned home the first of the week.

Mrs. Martha Hill of West Paris has been a guest the past week of her granddaughter, Mrs. Rollin Dinsmore.

Mrs. Asaph J. Richardson and granddaughter, Phyllis, were in Auburn and Lewiston Friday, making the trip with Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson of Greenwood, and Miss Frances Grant of Yarmouth, who is spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Richardson.

BRYANT'S POND

Mrs. Mabel Elliott and daughter, Olive, of Rumford spent several days this past week with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Hathaway.

Mrs. Sarah Bridgham of Yarmouth recently spent the week end with her granddaughter, Mrs. Ralph M. Bacon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hathaway and son, Terence, are visiting at Cuvier Jackson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Whitman of So. Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Whitman and daughter of Portsmouth, N. H., and Mrs. Clara Hathaway are spending their vacation on their old home farm in the Whitman District.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Noyes and son were Sunday callers at Elvern Whitman's.

The Woodstock schools open Tuesday, Sept. 7th, with the following teachers: High School Principal, R. Harold Gilmore; 1st assistant, Miss Olive Chase of Bluehill; 2nd assistant, Mrs. Ada B. Swan; Grammar, Grace A. Graves; Primary, Mrs. Elsie Cole; No. Woodstock, Lottie Bryant; So. Woodstock, Miss Edith Stevens; Perkins, vacant.

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DIXFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Olie Paine in company with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Paine of Weld, were in Waterville, Thursday and Friday, guests of relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Sturtevant returned home last week from an enjoyable visit of several days at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Oscar Bredenberg, at Champlain, N. Y.

Mrs. Eva Stover of Livermore Falls was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. White, last week.

Arthur Morse and family who have been visiting relatives and friends at Parkman, have returned to their home.

Mrs. Lyman Getchell of Berry Mills was a guest of friends in town last week.

NORTH HARTFORD

Miss Marion Stetson delightfully entertained twenty young friends from Hartford, Sumner and Buckfield, Thursday evening at her home. Games and music were enjoyed and refreshments served.

Samuel Webster is at the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston, where he submitted to an operation for appendicitis.

Bernice Dunn of Canton is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Sargent.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cash, who have had employment at Old Orchard, have returned to their home.

Mrs. Ethel West entertained Miss Thelma Jordan of Buckfield a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Darrington were in Livermore Falls, Saturday.

Miss Evelyn Forbes is visiting relatives in Hebron.

Miss Winnie Kilburn of Putnam, Conn., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Martha L. Cash.

P. A. Davenport has purchased an automobile.

Mrs. Jane Oldham is very poorly at this writing.

Mrs. Marguerite Jasper of Minot has been a guest of Wilma Davenport for the past week.

Mrs. Eunice Bennett Ludden passed away at the city hospital, Lawrence, Mass., following a serious surgical operation, Tuesday, Aug. 17. The funeral was held at Canton Point, Friday at one o'clock.

Mrs. Effie Davenport is doing some papering this week for Mrs. Addie Gosling.

Harry Field and Ethelyn Davenport are visiting their aunt at West Paris this week.

Have your stationery printed at the Citizen office. Prices are satisfactory.

LETTER TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS

Miss Mildred A. Beatham, school secretary for Maine on behalf of the Savings Division, First Federal Reserve District, recently sent to every school superintendent in the State the following letter calling attention to the need for teaching thrift, and the Treasury Department's plans for putting it into effect in this State:

"Our country is taking an inventory these days of its elements of strength and weakness. A very serious fault brought to light, as you know, is our wastefulness, our lack of knowledge of the value of money and materials. As a part of an effort to correct this fault the Savings Division of the United States Treasury is carrying out through its Education Department a program for the training of the future citizens along the lines of thrift, the thrift of regular saving before spending and of wise spending. The use of the smaller government securities, as laboratory material for this training will not only help the country in bearing its financial burden but should prove a very potent factor in teaching the patriotism and Americanism which every thinking person recognizes as essential to our future as a nation.

"This educational program for the First Federal Reserve District, comprising the New England States, is under the direction of Mr. Schuyler F. Herron, 25 Arch Street, Boston, Mass. I have recently been appointed as school secretary for the State of Maine. It is my duty and privilege to acquaint those in educational work in the state with the details of the plan for thrift teaching suggested by the Savings Division and to give assistance to those who undertake to carry out the course of study, or any definite plan for the teaching of thrift.

"I am mailing to you at this time an outline of the proposed course of study. You will observe that it is correlated with the subjects of the regular school course so as to require as little extra work as possible of the teacher. We strongly recommend that the real practice work of the course be based upon Thrift and War Savings Stamps, even when for special reasons part of the savings are deposited in local savings banks.

"I shall be glad to hear from you if I can help you by giving you further information; by providing you with other publications of the Savings Division or by coming to your town and speaking to your pupils and teachers on matters pertaining to the teaching of thrift."

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) MILDRED A. BEATHAM
School Secretary.

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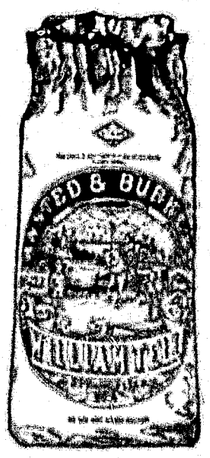

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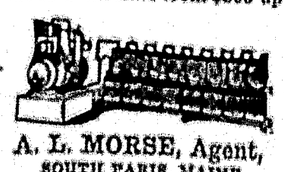
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THE HOME CIRCLE

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

MOTHER-WISDOM

There Is a Right and a Wrong Kind of Fatigue in Children

Helen Johnson Keyes

Of course, children must be tired sometimes and if they rest quickly, then after a night of sound sleep or after a wholesome meal followed by a period of thorough relaxation, all is well. Indeed, fatigue of this kind is actually healthful. Particularly at that time of life during the teens, which we call adolescence, the body and mind work best through periods of hard, fatiguing activity, followed by profound relaxation and indolence. All patience should be shown to adolescent boys and girls who choose to get through their tasks in this manner, although to their parents it may be somewhat irritating and inconvenient.

There is, however, a fatigue which is dangerous and which should be met at once with proper remedies, for the longer it is allowed to persist the more difficult it is to overcome. The symptom by which it may always be known is the lack of power the sufferers have to become rested again. It settles down on them like a permanent condition of weakness and discouragement.

Children suffering from this dangerous fatigue awaken irritable in the mornings, have poor appetites and little interest in anything which they do. They perform their home tasks and their school work in a blundering, inattentive way. It lays them open to diseases of all kinds and makes recovery from these diseases more uncertain, slower and less complete. Morally, it leads to dullness, indolence and failure all along the road.

The explanation usually made for fatigue and nervousness in children is that they are studying too hard. As a matter of fact, this is seldom the cause and if they are taken out of school, little improvement occurs unless in addition to removing them from their studies a number of other changes are made in their manner of living. I believe that if you will search your memory and experience you will decide that among all those run-down youngsters whom you have seen taken out of school, the only ones who have improved have been those who at the same time were sent away for visits or put on diets or made to sleep on porches. The truth is that hard study will not hurt any normal boy or girl if it is done under healthful, happy conditions.

Yes, it is the trying conditions under which school life often proceeds, which usually result in dangerous fatigue and nervousness—sometimes running on into that twitching disease, known as Saint Vitus' dance, or into tuberculosis. The causes are threefold and lie in the faulty hygiene of the home, the poor hygiene of the school and the system of marks or competition with other pupils and examinations which are often pushed to a senseless and truly criminal excess.

Children frequently start off the day with insufficient breakfasts, arrive at school chilled and perhaps with wet feet and are provided with a murderous basket lunch of pickles, ham, cake and candy. What wonder that their heads ache and that they believe that their studies which are indeed difficult and painful under these circumstances are the cause of their ill health! They feel far too sick to eat supper but are hungry by bedtime so they eat a generous slice of pie before sleeping. A bad digestion makes a person feel cold so probably they do not open the windows very wide and the pie plus the poor ventilation produces restless sleep. So they go from day to day, in a widening circle of ill health.

The schoolroom, perhaps, is heated by an unjacketed stove. Close beside it the air is so hot that the children are drowsy; in the back of the room the youngsters are shivering. In both places the air is poisoned by the breaths of the children and the burning up of fuel so that same stove—which equals twenty-five men in its power to exhaust pure air. The desks, very likely, face the door, and windows on both sides shed cross lights upon the children's work, causing eyestrain. It takes so long to get on coats and hats that outdoor recess is omitted much of the time. The only wonder is that any study progress is made and even a tolerable health maintained by most of the pupils.

The system of promotion is too apt to be a scramble by the children to get ahead of one another instead of a serious pursuit of knowledge. They wear themselves out in the nervous excitement of doing better than somebody else. Those boys and girls who happen not to be good recitation scholars often fail in this scramble and grow despondent and ashamed. They are frequently the most promising pupils in the school but nobody knows it because we are all blinded by the false standard we have set up. By discouraging them, testing them by what they cannot *do* instead of by what they can do, we thrust them into the ranks of the nervous, the tired and the discouraged.

Before taking your run-down children out of school, try this cure:

In the bitterest cold of winter let them sleep with wide-open windows. As soon as the weather is milder put their beds on a porch. If you have a bathroom, let the day begin with a cold plunge in the tub or a cold shower. Give them a breakfast of well cooked cereal with cream on it, and eggs and toast—no fried foods or sweets. See that their feet are dry shod and their bodies comfortably clad for the trip to school. Prepare them nourishing lunches of well baked bread spread with butter, or sandwiches of chicken or beef. Do not include ham, pickles, jams or candies. Children should not drink tea or coffee; instead, give them a bottle of milk or cocoa. Fresh fruits will supply all the sweets they need, in the best possible form. When they must have cake let it be simple. Nuts and raisins make an excellent dessert with real food value but they should not be added to a meal already heavy with meat. This is true, too, of cheese. Cheese should be added only to a light meal of green salads or vegetables or fruits.

Then let the mothers of the community form a mothers' club or a parent-teachers' association and see that the school stove is properly jacketed; that there are always two windows open, one at the bottom and one at the top; that the desks are turned with their backs to the door and that the windows on the right side of the room are darkly curtained, allowing the light to fall only from the rear and left side. If the school has but one room, urge the fathers to build on a second one where an oil stove and a few kitchen utensils can be kept for heating dishes for the mid day lunch or even for simple cooking.

There will be a few tired or nervous children in a community where such home and school hygiene methods are practiced.

CANTON

Mrs. Eunice Bennett Ludden of Hartford, widow of the late Bertrand C. Ludden, passed away at a hospital in Lewrence, Mass., following a critical surgical operation on Tuesday last. Mrs. Ludden was the daughter of the late Joseph Bennett and Sarah Ludden Bennett of Canton Point and was 58 years of age. She was twice married, her first husband being Charles Holt, who passed away some years ago. By this marriage she had two daughters, Mrs. Charles C. Chase of Livermore Falls and Mrs. James Hutchinson of Dixfield. Her second husband, Mr. Ludden, died about a year ago. She is also survived by four sisters, Mrs. Charles Packard of Lawrence, Mass., Mrs. Rose Perkins of Burlington, Mass., Mrs. Loretta Ludden of Arrella, Wash., and Mrs. Mary Wadsworth of Minnesota, and seven grandchildren, Ione, Cecil, Eunice and Violet Chase of Livermore Falls and Norman, Marion and Alton Hutchinson of Dixfield, and a step-son Clare B. Ludden of Hartford. Mrs. Ludden was an honored member of Ponemah Rebekah Lodge, Canton Grange and the Canton Point Ladies' Circle. Her body was brought to Canton and the funeral held Friday at the Bradbury Memorial Chapel at Canton Point, Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes officiating. The floral tributes were very beautiful and included offerings from the Rebekahs, Canton Grange and the Circle. A delegation from Ponemah Lodge attended in a body. The interment was at Canton Point.

Whitney Lodge, No. 167, F. & A. M., will entertain King Hiram Lodge of Dixfield on their annual meeting, Thursday afternoon and evening, Sept. 2.

Mrs. Scott Doten of Massachusetts is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Miss Hattie Bacon of Worcester, Mass., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stubbs.

The annual reunion of the Lothrop family was held Sunday at the old homestead with Isaac Lothrop. A picnic dinner was enjoyed.

Herbert Haskell has ben a guest of his mother, Mrs. Mae Haskell, of Turner.

Mrs. Errold Ellis and three children of Waltham, Mass., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Leavitt and family.

Simeon M. Morrill of Bangor has been a guest of W. L. York and wife.

W. P. Bronnaman and family of Auburn have been enjoying an outing at their cottage by the lake.

Charles Williams of Washington, D. C., has arrived in town and joined his family who are spending the summer at the Hathaway homestead.

Mrs. Hattie Johnson of Auburn is a guest of Miss Sadie Reed.

Mrs. Mary E. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Carver and family of Brookline, Mass., have arrived at their summer home, "Herdsdale," for their annual visit.

Joseph and Elzie Daigle, who are employed in Oldtown are guests of their mother, Mrs. Sossie Fidelle, and family.

Mrs. Cora B. Fuller and daughter, Mrs. Elva Fuller Tripp, attended the 9th biennial reunion of the Livermore High School on Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Griffin.

A most beautiful picture was presented at the Opera House, Saturday evening, "A Daughter of the Gods,"

WEST GREENWOOD

J. F. Harrington has commenced his season's work of threshing. Charles Frost is helping him.

Richard Lawrence spent the week end at the home of George Conner.

John Deegan finished haying for Will Holt, Saturday.

which was much appreciated. "The Wings of the Morning," will be shown Wednesday evenin, and "Evangeline" Saturday evening.

A minstrel show was enjoyed Saturday evening by the guests of Pinewood Camp. Seventy-six guests are being entertained.

Miss Edna Tirrell has been visiting in Oxford, Lewiston and Hebron.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas H. Towle and son, John, Mrs. John Towle and Mrs. Melvina Young of Dixfield were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gillespie are entertaining a number of friends from Pennsylvania.

Charles F. Oldham has been spending a few days in Portland.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank M. Lamb are attending camp meeting at East Livermore this week. His pulpit will be supplied next Sabbath.

Sherbourne York of Norway has been a guest of relatives in town.

Mr. Milliken of Washington, D. C., is a guest at the Hathaway home on Spring street.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hayes with two sons, Edward and Warren, of Boston are guests of J. F. Harrington and family.

School commenced in this community Monday with Grace Dearden as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Ramey spent the week end in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Seames with son Stanley were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Nellie Cross.

Mrs. William Lowe of Bethel and Mary Deegan of Massachusetts called on friends and relatives in town, Thursday.

Thomas Kennagh, Jr., is haying at Bethel. He has purchased a part of the standing grass on the A. F. Copeland meadow.

Grace M. Dearden, who visited friends at Bates last week, returned home Saturday.

Thomas Deegan and friend from Haverhill, Mass., were callers in town, Monday.

The callers from out of town were: H. H. Hastings, Arthur Cross, Supt. F. E. Russell, Albert Flanders, Mr. and Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Nellie Cross, T. B. Burk, Will Seames and Chester Cummings.

Gertrude Perham of Woodstock was the guest of Lillian Cross the past week.

M. H. Harrington is building a new shed on to the schoolhouse in this vicinity.

Annie Cross finished work for Howard Maxim, Friday. She is now at home.

Cornelia Douglass, who went to her home in Portland last Tuesday, passed to the Great Beyond, Friday afternoon at five o'clock. Her grandmother, Mrs. Annie Emery, and her brother and sister went to Portland Saturday morning. Much sympathy is felt for the parents and relatives.

MAY LEAD TO PREVENTION OF POTATO MOSAIC DISEASE

Prevention of mosaic disease of Irish potatoes, which decreases yields of affected potatoes 20 to 50 per cent, and for which no satisfactory control measures have been generally adopted, now appears possible as a result of a series of investigations conducted in Maine by specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station.

The essential points are that mosaic is carried over from season to season and from farm to farm by planting potatoes from diseased hills. The spread of mosaic in a field is due mainly to aphids or plant lice, which feed upon mosaic plants and then upon healthy ones. The potatoes thus inoculated may show the disease very soon, or it may not appear until the following season, when the progeny will develop mosaic. Mosaic may be spread also by rubbing crushed leaves of diseased plants upon healthy ones, and by injections of the juice of diseased plants. It has not been spread by the seed-cutting knife.

The percentage of diseased plants in a field may not change greatly from year to year, but the tendency is for the mosaic to increase, particularly when aphids are abundant. Seed from hills that grew near mosaic hills are more likely to yield mosaic progeny, and more so if the parent hill contains only two or three tubers, and as the relative size of the tuber in the parent hill is greater and as the seed-piece is nearer the bud end or is larger.

The conclusions drawn from the experiments are that the first essential is to secure seed stock from fields entirely free from mosaic, or as nearly so as can be found. These potatoes should be isolated from all fields where mosaic occurs, and every effort should be made to prevent attacks by aphids. Thus far Colorado beetles and flea beetles have not been found to transmit mosaic, nor does the disease live over in the soil except in volunteer tubers.

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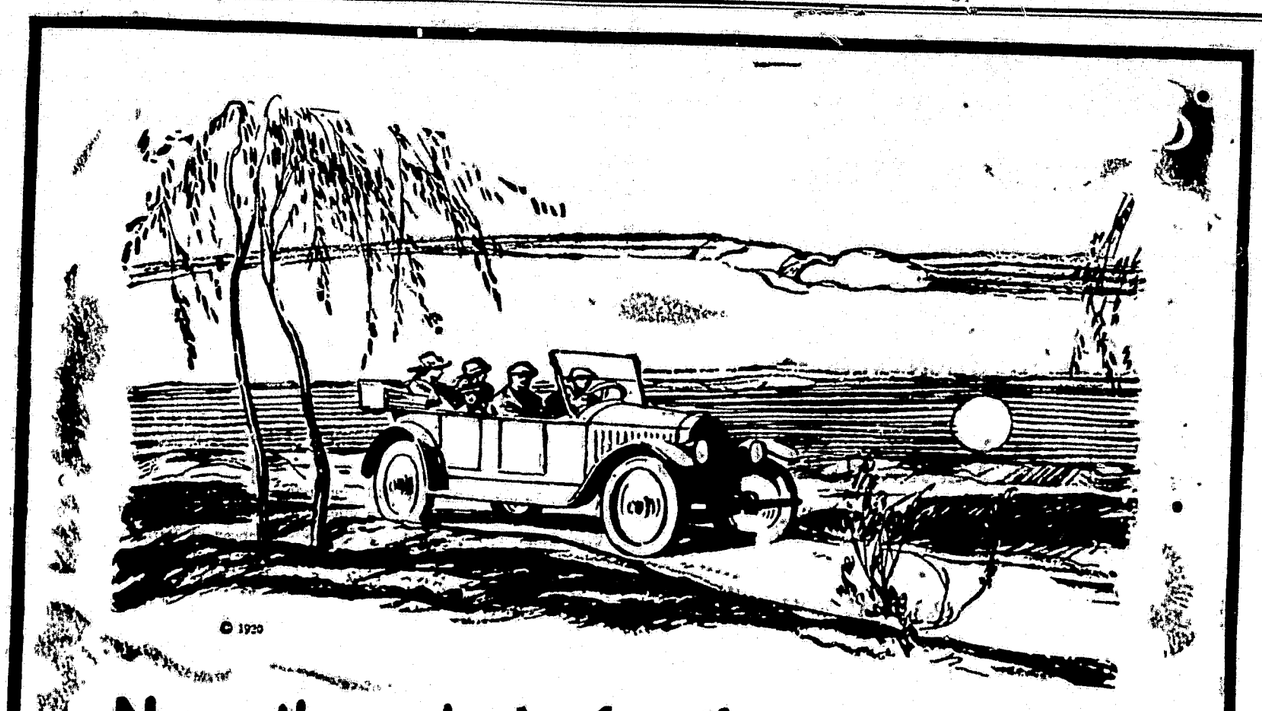

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II

But it has done a great deal more than that.

It has brought people closer together, given them new interests, swept away old prejudices.

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III

It's had its effect on the tire business.

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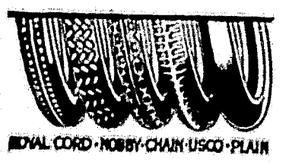

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HANOVER

The town is fully alive with business

A great many guests have been at Howard's Pond, every camp being filled, some part of the summer, and many remain yet W P Holt has many in his cabins There have been two new camps built this season, one by J R Roberts for New Jersey parties, who arrived July 1st, and one by W L Thomas for New York parties, who arrived about the same time

P F Howe of Portland is spending the summer at the Pond in a tent.

Mr and Mrs Dudley Thornton of Malden, Mass, who have spent many summers in their cottage south of the Pond, are here as usual

P L Howe has Mrs Ina Powers keeping house for him His son Chester of Bethel, and daughter Rose of Rumford, spent the week end with him

Paul Hagar of Rumford was home over Sunday

Nearly all the farmers are through having and report quite a shortage from last year

Mr [illegible] has been confined to his bed for the past few weeks with a [illegible]

Miss Helen Hagar is very comfortably situated in the W H Hall cottage with Mr and Mrs Hall as boarders for the season

Mrs [illegible] of Worcester, Mass, is visiting at the home of her brother Frank Howe at Lake Pennesseewassee

Mrs Dana Hall of Malden and Miss Lula Roberts of Arlington Heights have been visiting Mrs J R Roberts

[illegible] Mrs Hall and Miss Howe

J H Hall has two more cottages to finish up on the east side of the Pennesseewassee this fall, making eight cottages all told

Several from here are planning a [illegible]

Dwight Virgin of Rockland has recently visited his father, Geo A Virgin, a few days

Mrs L A Folsom of Bethel is stopping a few weeks with her sister, Mrs J G Roberts

SOUTH ALBANY

Miss Rosie Lewis has been ill with a bad sore throat for a few days.

Cecil Kimball has finished work for Ernest Browne and is at home.

Roy Lord attended the dance at West Lovell, Saturday night

Several from this place attended the orange "Spasm" at No Waterford, Saturday night All report a very fine time

Bernard Allen is working for Henry Dingle

Ernest Howes recently sold a very fine veal calf

There will be a dance at Albany Grange Hall Aug 28

H G Stearns called at J A Kimball's, Monday night

A B Clark, wife and friends were at Hall's Pond Friday night to attend the closing entertainment

Mr and Mrs Will Bake were callers at James Kimball's, Tuesday afternoon

Mr Vaughan Farmer Tells How He Lost All His Prize Seed Corn

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Mr. T. B. Burk was a business visitor in Auburn, Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Chandler spent Sunday at her home in So. Paris.

Miss Olive Wardwell was the guest of Mrs. Elmer Allen, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Lovejoy attended camp meeting and have returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Emery called upon Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Sunday.

Mr. W. W. Hastings and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Hastings called at C. B. Foster's, Sunday.

Miss Ruby Ashby of Caribou, Me., is the week's guest of Dr. and Mrs. Tibbetts.

Ex-mayor Evelyth and wife of Auburn have been guests of Mrs. Lois Thurston.

Mrs. W. Clinton Kinney of Baltimore, Md., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Lucy Leach.

Mr. Richmond Skinner and Miss Edith Hastings were guests of relatives at Hanover, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Andrews of Gorham, N. H., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Austin.

Mr. W. H. Young and son, Donald, returned to Woodfords, Monday. Mrs. Young will remain a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garey entertained Miss Marion Haskell and Miss Ruth Cummings, Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Walter Ring and children have returned to West Paris after visiting her mother, Mrs. Frank Kendall.

Miss Emily Tuell of East Sumner was the guest of Mrs. Melissa Tuell and Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Tuell, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimball Ames who have been spending a few weeks in Bethel, have returned to their home in New York.

Miss Mary Deegan returned to her home in Bradford, Mass., Sunday, after spending a few days with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kelley and Mr. Babson of Berlin, N. H., and Miss Bessie Wheeler went to Dixville Notch, Sunday.

Miss Sarah Chapman and Mrs. Clarence Milliken of Goffstown, N. H., are guests of Mr. Alonzo Chapman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. David Forbes, Mrs. Millie Clark, Mrs. Alma Mitchell and Mrs. Mina Harriman motored to Gorham, Saturday.

Mr. Eliphalet Blake of Island Pond, Vt., was the guest of his sister and brother, Miss Lillian Blake and Mr. Newton Blake.

Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Rena Foster have returned to Dorchester, Mass., after spending a few weeks at their cottage, Pinecroft.

Mrs Effie Stevens and daughters, who have been guests of her mother, Mrs. Lois Thurston, are now visiting relatives in Andover.

Mr and Mrs. Chester Bean, who were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bean, have returned to their home in Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Mann and party from West Paris were in town, Tuesday evening to attend the concert given by Miss Yorke and Miss Haskell.

Dr and Mrs. W. B. Twaddle and son, John, are spending a two weeks' vacation with Mrs. Brooks' brother, Mr. Harry Brooks, and family in Boston.

Mr and Mrs. Marshall of Cleveland, at present at Christmas Cove, were callers on Rev. and Mrs. W C Curtis at Dr. Behring's home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler of Shelburne were callers on Mrs. Wheeler's sister, Mrs Henry Austin, Monday, and Charles Austin accompanied them home for a visit.

Mrs Geo Blake of Malden, Mass, Mr. and Mrs Harry Blake of Everett, Mass, and Miss Mary Newman of Medford, Mass, are guests at the home of Mr John Swan

Mrs Ella Brown of Crystal, N H, who has been visiting in Bath, was the guest of her son, Arthur Brinck, and family last week She is now the guest of her son at Newry

Mrs H S Jolley and daughter, Virginia, went to Mechanic Falls, Tuesday, to see her sister, Mrs Nellie Dann, who has just returned from Dr McCarty's hospital at Rumford

Mr Augustus Littlehale, Mrs Jennie Littlehale and Mr Lorain Littlehale and family recently went by auto to Wilton to visit Mr. and Mrs Spearrin, who formerly lived in Bethel.

BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mr. Chester Howe spent Sunday at his home in Hanover.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. F. S. Chandler next Tuesday.

Mr. Will Hapgood was in Stratford, N. H., on business, Saturday.

Mr. Ted Stanley of Berlin, N. H., was in town the first of the week.

Dr. H. S. Pulsifer of Berlin, N. H., was in town Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Mina Harriman is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Vesta Chapman, at So. Paris.

Miss Geneva Hutchins of New York is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Bartlett.

Mrs. Linden Brackett of South Paris is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Annas.

Quite a number from town attended the ball game at Norway and West Paris last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Brackett of Westbrook have been guests at the home of Mr. Horace Annas.

Mrs. Levina Parker of Berlin, N. H., has been visiting her brother, Mr. Horace Annas, and family.

Messrs. Guy Jack and Herman Robertson attended the Undertakers' Convention at Brunswick last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Maxwell and family of Lynn, Mass., are guests of her brother, Mr. Frank Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson of South Paris were guests last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Fox.

Judge A. E. Herrick, E. C. Park, Esq., and H. H. Hastings, Esq., attended Probate Court at Rumford, Tuesday.

Miss Alice Kimball and friend left Saturday for Boston. This is Miss Kimball's last year at the Homeopathic Hospital.

Mrs. Leslie Cummings and daughter, Ruth, of Boston, Mass., are guests of Mrs. Cummings' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Tyler.

Mrs. Delia Downing and daughter of Tampa, Florida, are visiting Mrs. Downing's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Spearrin.

Mr. Frank Kendall is at home from the Maine General Hospital where he recently underwent an operation. He is much improved in health.

Mr. Charles Douglass, Mrs. Ida Hill Douglass and Miss Hazel Douglass were in Portland, Monday, to attend the funeral of Miss Cornelia Douglass.

Mr Sumner Richards and helper of Portland are installing a heating system in the W. W. Hastings block now occupied by Miss L. M. Stearns

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark and daughter, Alice, returned to Lynn, Mass., Friday, after spending a week with relatives and friends in town.

A J Torsleff, secretary of the Maine Baby Saving Society, will speak at the Universalist church, Sunday evening, Sept 5, under the auspices of the W C T U

Mrs. John L. Holt of East Bethel and her nephew, C. A. Rich, of Bellows Falls, Vt., were guests of her niece, Mrs G J Hapgood, and family one day last week

Mr. Charles Lord and family left last Friday for Westbrook, where they will visit relatives, and will then go to Deer Isle, where Mr. Lord will be superintendent of schools

Mr. William Hastings and Mr J. S. Rich left for Belfast, Tuesday. Mr. Hastings will meet his aunt, Mrs. W. O. Straw, and Miss Mae Wiley who will accompany him home.

Mr Richmond H. Skinner of Dorchester, Mass., spent the week end with his grandparents, Mr and Mrs D S Hastings. He has been instructor for two months at Camp Oxford.

The many friends of Mr and Mrs Henry Douglass of Portland, formerly of Bethel extend sympathy to them in the death of their daughter, Cornelia, who passed away at Portland, Friday

Mr Richard Hapgood and sons, Will, Porter, Dick and Frank, Jr, and Mrs David McMann and four children, and Calvin Hapgood all of Stratford, N. H., were Sunday guests of the Hapgood farm

Mr and Mrs John V Holt of Andover, Mass, came to Mr J P Young's last Saturday for a three weeks' visit. They are to meet their son, Forest, who has spent the summer at a Boys camp and he will spend the remainder of his vacation with them at home.

EAST BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bean of Woodstock and Miss Eva Bean were Sunday callers here.

Mr. C. G. Kimball of Middle Intervale was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Howe and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Frost and Miss Marjorie Frost of Kingfield are this week's guests of Mrs. Frost's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimball, and family.

Mrs. Lucetta Bean and friend, Mrs. Verne Rich of Norway, who have been spending a short vacation at Mrs. Bean's home, have returned to Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pierce and three children of East Weymouth, Mass., are guests of Mrs. Carrie Bartlett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kimball of Brookline, Mass., will arrive this week for their usual vacation with their parents and at their cottage, "Outside Inn," Locke's Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Allen of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Glover of Wakefield, Mass., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimball and family.

Miss Ruth Cole of Greenwood was last week's guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Hastings and family.

A stone bridge with a six-foot pipe has been put in at Otter Brook and other good work done on the road here the past week.

Mr. Geo. Rich and auto party from Berlin, N. H., which included Mrs. S. E. Rich and Miss Jennie Rich were last week's guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bean.

Mrs. Lillian Norris and daughter Miss Grace Norris, of Virginia are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. K. Martin for several weeks.

Mr. Benson F. Norton of Levant, Me., was in town over the week end. Mrs. Norton and daughter, who have been guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Herrick, returned home with him Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chandler and Mrs. Walter Chandler of South Paris came to Bethel, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler who had spent the week in Auburn returned to Bethel with them.

NORTH NEWRY

H. F. Thurston and family were guests of W. B. Wight, Friday.

A number from this place went Grafton, blueberrying, Saturday.

Ruth Cook is assisting with the work at Poplar Tavern.

The annual Littlehale reunion was held at S. A. Eames' hall, Sunday, Aug 22. About 145 were present.

Quite a number from Newry attended the drama and dance at Upton, Friday night. Wight and Learned's orchestra furnished music.

Dan Forbes and Miss Ruth Cook went to Wilton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wight went to Sunday River one day last week.

Mrs. Elmer Bean is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. R. Eames.

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BETHEL, MAINE

RUMFORD

Chautauqua begins on Aug. 30th and continues through Saturday, Sept. 4. The tent grounds have been improved by grading, and the seats in the rear will be more desirable than formerly, as this year they will be slightly elevated. The tent will be turned to the side a bit, because of the grading.

The marriage of Lazare Daigle and Miss Mary Rose Turnelle took place last week at St. John's church, the Rev. P. J. Boivin officiating. The attendants were Alfred Tunielle and Victor Lauzier. On the same morning at the same church occurred the marriage of Cleophas Bilodeau and Miss Mary Ozeillia Boldue, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Fr. Havey. The couple were attended by Arsene Le Clere and Alfred Boldue.

Mrs. Anne Morse and two daughters, Julia and Annette, of Houston, Texas, are the guests of Mrs. Morse's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kennard, of Rumford avenue. They will remain in town until Miss Julia Morse returns to her studies at Smith College.

Miss Corinne Fisher is the guest of relatives in Canada.

Philo Clarke, son of Mrs. Philo Clark of the Virginia District, will return to his studies at Cornell University in September.

Miss Edna Reynolds has been a recent guest of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reynolds, of Turner's Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hammond and son, Horsey, are enjoying an outing in camp at Worthley Pond.

Miss Alice Brown and relatives from Livermore Falls have been spending some time in camp at Worthley Pond.

The Superintendent of Schools office will be closed for the next two weeks with the exception of Saturday of every week, when Supt. Williams will be in the office.

Mrs. Peter Marchand of Newton, Mass., has been a recent guest of her brother, Peter Morrell.

Mr. Rainsville has been employed by the town as motorcycle police. He has adopted the method of warning all violators of the speed law the first time, and the second violation will take them into court, where they will be obliged to pay a good sized fine.

A. O. Hodsdon has moved his family from Byron to Rumford. Mr. Hodsdon is employed by the railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart are the guests of friends in Massachusetts.

Over $400 was realized from the lawn party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. McCarthy on Prospect avenue for the benefit of St. Athanatius church.

Mrs. Anthony and two sons and daughter of Boston have been guests of friends on Lincoln avenue.

The American Legion Post will hold a field day at Roxbury Pond, Sept. 10. A fine shore dinner will be on the program.

The Redpath Chautauqua open their entertainments in Rumford on Monday next for a series of entertainments lasting for six days, or the entire week. C. Clarence Baker will be the Superintendent, and Miss Gretchen Disbrow the children's director during their stay in town. The program for the six days entertainments will be as follows: First day: 9 A. M., Organization of Junior Chautauqua; 2.30 P. M., Prelude, Mordkin Novelty Co., Lecture "The Man With One Window," by E. T. Hagerman; 8.00 P. M., Prelude by the Mordkin Novelty Co., and a lecture "How to Live One Hundred Years" by Chas. E. Barker. Second day: Beside Junior Chautauqua which will be at 9 o'clock, every morning at 10 A. M. there will be a lecture, "Community Planning," by S. R. B. Flint; 2.30 P. M., lecture, "The New Education," by Lucia Ames Mead; 8 P. M., a play, "Nothing But The Truth." Third day: 10 A. M., lecture, "Literature and Art in Daily Life," by O. P. Fairfield; 2.30 P. M., concert by Knight and MacGregor Company; 8 P. M., lecture, "The New World Spirit," by Arthur Hunt Chute. Fourth day: 10 A. M., lecture, "The Great Social Problems of the Present Time," by Sidney L. Chandler; 2.30 P. M., an entertainment by Al. G. Baker, Young and Billie Pryor; 8 P. M., Light Opera, "The Gondoliers." Fifth day: 2.30 P. M., lecture, "Order vs. Disorder," by Glenn Frank; 8 P. M., entertainment by Gay Zengla McLaren. Sixth day: 2.30 P. M., and 8 P. M., Victor's Band.

Mrs. Emma Smith and daughter, Mildred of Knox street left last week for a stay of two weeks in Portland.

Mr. Dana C. York with Mrs. York are enjoying a vacation from his duties at the Oxford mill.

The militia boys who worked at the Oxford mill when they returned from camp Devens in July, were agreeably surprised to receive their regular pay from the mill. It is reported that when the boys in the Continental and Interstate mills learned this, that they asked for their pay. The Continental paid their boys the difference between their wages and which they received while at camp, and the International is to the matter under consideration.

On September 1st the plumbers of Rumford and Mexico will advance their charges for labor from 90 cents an hour to $1.15 per hour.

ANDOVER

Carl H. Gans from New Jersey, representing the National May Co., of Indiana was in town last week.

Miss McCobb of Portland, a guest at the homestead, gave her second reading, Drinkwater's Play of Abraham Lincoln, at the home of Mrs. Charles Bartlett, Friday afternoon. On Friday of this week she will read at the home of Mrs. C. A. Andrews.

Marion Learned left town Saturday fore Cleveland, Ohio, where she has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson from Mexico attended Pomona Grange in town, Wednesday last.

A Sunday school picnic was held at Silver Lake, Saturday. There was a large number present.

Mrs. Guy Norton and children from Concord, N. H., are visiting her people, J. A. Dunning and family.

Mrs. Ellen Merserve, who has been visiting her brothers, Lucien and Lewis Akers, went to Rumford, Monday, to visit friends before returning to her home in Boston.

N. D. Akers of Rumford visited his people, J. E. Akers and family, this week.

Annie Akers was in Rumford a few days last week.

Albert Berry, who has been in Norway several days, returned to the Lakes, Thursday.

C. A. Rand and family and Charles Ripley and wife are in camp at Richardson Pond this week.

Rev. Mr. Rose from Newark, N. J., will preach at the Universalist church, Rumford Point, Sunday afternoon, Aug. 29th.

The Tom Thumb Wedding given at the Methodist church, Tuesday evening, Aug. 17, was a very pretty affair. Little Edith Marston, four years old, was the bride of Master Henry Perkins, the groom. About thirty children took part.

Y. A. Thurston and wife, R. L. Thurston, wife and daughter, Claude Marston and family, Stephen Marston and family, Earl Marston, wife and Mrs. S. W. Marston, Mrs. Lucinda Bristol and daughter, Roscoe Littlehale and family, James Littlehale and wife, and Mrs. Edward Stuart attended the Littlehale reunion at Eames Hall, North Newry, Sunday.

A number of new books have been purchased for the Public Library.

Roger Thurston is threshing grain for the farmers.

New Century Pomona Grange met with Lone Mt. Grange, Wednesday, Aug. 18. There was a large number present from the subordinate granges. Mr. Vincent Canham from Auburn spoke very interestingly on farm matters at the morning session. A baked bean, salad and pastry dinner was served at noon. At the afternoon session nine candidates received the fifth degree. The meeting was then declared open to the public. The Lecturer's program follows:

Music,	Orchestra
Flora Exercise,	Five Girls
Duet,	Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Sweatt
Solo,	Norman Crossman
Address,	Hon. Leslie McIntire
	No. Waterford
Address,	B. Walker McKeen, Lovell
Music,	Grange

WEST PARIS

Billy, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, fell Monday afternoon and fractured his elbow.

Mrs. Alton Day was thrown from her wagon, Saturday morning when the vehicle ran over a stone in turning out for a passing auto on Churchill hill. Mrs. Churchill received injuries about her head and a small fracture of the skull.

Bragdon's moving pictures are at Grange Hall every Monday evening and are well patronized.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett E. Pitts of New London, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mann enjoyed a trip through the mountains, Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Abbott of Stetson and Gertrude Robbins of Sumner have been guests at Bert Day's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mann and children were at Lewis M. Mann's cottage at Bryant's Pond over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Mann, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Mann and Mrs. H. R. Tuell went to Bethel, Tuesday evening to hear Helen Yorke.

Mrs. P. S. Mayhew is entertaining her sister and husband and children.

Mrs. Lizzie Cummings of Boston, Mass., is visiting her brother, D. H. Fifield, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunham of Rumford and Mrs. Dunham's brother and sister have been recent guests at C. F. Barden's.

Miss Gertrude Robbins of Sumner is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Bert Day.

Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scribner in the loss of their buildings Tuesday afternoon of last week by lightning. The place was so attractive looking and neatly kept that it was always one of the pleasing landmarks between West and So. Paris.

Miss Eleanor Devine is a guest of her cousin, George Devine, and family.

Mrs. Edwin Mann entertained the Jolly Twelve Whist Club and friends, making a party of twenty, at Camp Melvilde, Locke's Mills, last Wednesday.

GREAT MASS OF PROOF

Reports of 50,000 Cases of Kidney Troubles, Some of Them Bethel Cases

Each of some 6,000 newspapers of the United States is publishing from week to week, names of people in its particular neighborhood, who have used and recommended Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney backache, weak kidneys, bladder troubles and urinary disorders. This mass of proof includes over 50,000 recommendations. Bethel is no exception. Here is one of the Bethel cases.

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Mrs. Mary Stevens and Minnie Stevens accompanied Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Andrews to the Bay of Naples, Saturday, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cleaves of Portland at their cottage there.

Myrtle Robinson, Beatrice Smith and Lula Day have returned from Ferry Beach Park.

H. H. Wardwell and daughter, Dorothy, are visiting relatives at Penobscot.

Mrs. Lottie Willis and daughter, Thelma, of Portland are guests of Mrs. Mattie Tuell.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Mann, B. R. Billings of Bryant's Pond, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bates and Miss Lillian Campbell of New Haven, Conn., spent the week end at South Arm.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Young have moved to Yarmouth.

Mrs. Charles S. Bacon went to the Central Maine General Hospital, Monday, for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Pitts of Connecticut are spending a few days at E. J. Mann's camp at Locke's Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Packard spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Pitts.

Mrs. Elvesa Dennen is at South Woodstock with her niece, Mrs. E. B. Davis.

BRYANT'S POND

R. Harold Gillmore, the new principal of the high school, will occupy with his family one of the tenements in what was formerly the old district school building on School street.

Perley H. Ford and wife of Sanford were at the Rieker House for a few days this week. Mr. Ford was formerly principal of the high school in this village and is now engaged in the practice of law at Sanford.

Russell C. Adams of Providence, R. I., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Sybil Johnson.

The farm at the head of the lake known as the John Littlefield place has been purchased by Edwin Rowe of New York.

Summer services at the Universalist church will close next Sabbath, Aug. 29. This service will be held at 2.30 P. M., sermon by Chester Gore Miller of South Paris.

Dr. R. F. Willard and family returned Sunday from a visit among relatives and friends in Ryegate, Vt.

Homer E. Crooker, who for the past three years has been at the head of the Woodstock High School, is to locate in South Berwick, and will have charge of a large school in that town.

Rev. E. H. Stover, former pastor of the Baptist church, has been a guest this week at the home of Mrs. Emily J. Felt. He occupied the pulpit of the church here last Sabbath in place of the regular pastor.

Work on the new park grounds has been pushed well ahead the past few days. The grounds are now ready for the grading which is to be completed by the Grand Trunk Company.

SONGO POND

Mrs. Harrie S. Jacobs and son, Elmer of New York City arrived in Bethel last Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. Abner B. Kimball, at Songo Pond. Mr. H. S. Jacobs arrived Tuesday.

Mr. J. S. Rich of the "Rost" started on a trip to the Coast, Tuesday morning in company with W. W. Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Vendenkerkhoven of Bethel, with Mr. and Mrs. Abner Kimball were in Grafton, Sunday.

Mrs. Billings' cottage is occupied by a party from Berlin this week.

Miss Ina Good of East Stoneham was at Da Drop In Cottage, Sunday.

Mrs. Harrie Jacobs, Miss Anna Mantle, of New York, Mrs. A. B. Kimball and Miss Celia motored to Norway, Tuesday with George Morey as chauffeur.

News items for the Citizen should be in the office not later than 8.30 Wednesday morning.

A STORY

By BETTY McINTYRE.

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"Say, I'd be willing to wager that you couldn't earn one hundred dollars in one month, Ned Towne. You know that you have never had to do anything but call on your dad for cash, and that is some different proposition from earning it. I am ready to bet a cool thousand that you can't do it; are you game?"

The speaker blew a cloud of smoke into the air and smiled as he had a mental picture of the fashionable Ned Towne in overalls earning the one hundred dollars.

"I say, Grant, do you really mean that?" and Ned rose from his easy chair and perched on the end of the table.

"Bet your life I mean it; want to take me on it?"

"I know I have never earned a cent in all my life, but dad didn't want me to work; but I'll take you and I'll show you that I can earn it."

The other half-dozen young men seated in the clubroom gathered around and all the details were arranged. The month began the next morning, and Ned, eager to show the fellows what stuff he was made of, rose early. He hadn't the least idea what he could do and for the first time in his life he scanned the want ads in the morning paper. One after the other he discarded them, realizing just how little he was fitted to do. But like an oasis there was one thing that he knew he could do.

Bolting the rest of his breakfast he rushed out of the house and was soon in the next city. Once there he had no difficulty in securing the position. For, despite the fact that the man who had advertised for an instructor to teach his two daughters to ride horseback, was one of the "new rich," he knew breeding when he met it.

"Huh, what a cinch; guess I can get a job? I'll say I can." And Ned patted the sleek side of the splendid horse that was to be his in his new position.

According to the arrangements no one was to know what he was doing to earn the money, and although he missed the many hours of ease he had been having every day he was enjoying himself greatly. The two girls were good-looking, wholesome young ladies and learned to ride with ease and grace.

One morning, after he had held his position for three weeks, the elder of the girls wanted to ride downtown, through the crowded streets, just for the excitement, and of course Ned was to ride with her. Now it chanced that very morning that Ned's fiancee had asked him to ride in her new car, and on the plea of important work for his father, he had excused himself.

Fate, ever busy, arranged in a crowded street of the city a motor with a charming young lady at the wheel and almost beside it a fine-looking couple on horseback, who chanced to be laughing over the antics of a hurdy-gurdy monkey. Yes, that is right: Ned, Miss Sefton and his fiancee. Happily unconscious of any complications, Ned was stricken dumb when he found himself looking into the troubled blue eyes of the girl he loved.

Coralie James returned his ring with a short note that terminated the engagement, and all his efforts to see her were unavailing. At the end of the month he returned to the club with the hundred dollars he had earned, and amid the cheers of his friends he collected his thousand dollars.

And Fate, still busy, arranged a dance where both Ned and Coralie were sure to go. All the evening Ned watched for a chance to approach Coralie to explain, but she avoided him. About midnight a dozen couples gathered on the veranda and someone suggested that Ned, ever famous as a good story teller, tell a story. A happy thought struck him: he would tell his own story of the past month and thus be telling a story and explaining to Coralie at the same time. A hasty glance told him that none of the club fellows was in the crowd, so, seating himself so that he could see Coralie he told his story, adding his explanation to her thus:

"And the young fellow did not tell his fiancee, for she did not approve of betting, and of course he had to tell her something about that morning, and of course she couldn't understand," and then, like all good story tellers, he had them reconciled and happy ever after.

After the applause the crowd returned to their dancing and Ned asked Coralie to dance. When she nodded her "yes" he led her, not in the dance, but to a secluded part of the veranda.

"Ned, dear, forgive me."

"Sweetheart, it is you who must forgive me," he whispered. "Tell me that I am forgiven, Coralie."

"Oh, my Ned, of course you are forgiven, and if you must bet then confine your bets to me. I'll wager two neckties that you don't dare kiss me in this light."

"Done—and you lose." And he kissed her not once but many times, and by the expression on Coralie's face she was glad that she lost.

Dangerous Reading.

"I say, Mirandy, that gal of ours is gittin' too much knowin' in her readin'. Do you know what kind of books she's bringin' home?"

"Law sakes, Jake, she only reads what her teacher tells her to."

"Then that woman ought to be ashamed of herself to let the gal learn all about them forrin ways. Why, that there book was called 'Winnin of the [illegible].'"

NURSING SERVICE IS RAPIDLY EXPANDING

This American Red Cross Work Flourishing in Small Towns Throughout Country.

More than 37,000 graduate nurses have been enrolled in the American Red Cross to date and its department of nursing is daily increasing this enrollment.

The department of nursing has been authorized to maintain an adequate reserve of nurses for the army and navy. It will continue to supply the needs of the United States Public Health Service to which it has assigned more than 1,000 nurses in the last year.

It will assist in establishing proper nursing service in foreign countries where the American Red Cross has organized hospitals, dispensaries and schools for nurses. Courses in home hygiene and care of the sick have been started for thousands of women who have never received any education in this direction. Rural nursing which was in its infancy a short while ago has been put ahead at least a decade through the work of the department of nursing and local Red Cross chapters.

Public health nursing has been extended to many rural communities and now flourishes actively in hundreds of small towns and counties. Nearly a thousand efficient nurses have already been assigned to this kind of work.

The department of nursing is uniting with other organizations in a year's campaign in recruiting nurses for training schools, in educating the general public as to standards of nursing education and in showing communities their responsibility toward schools of nursing. It will endeavor to meet all these needs as well as to continue the enrollment of dietitians who will be utilized as instructors in home dietetics, in developing nutritional clinics, and in supplying dietitians for the United States Public Health Service and the civilian hospitals.

The Nursing Service will continue to offer to women and young girls the opportunity of securing instruction in home hygiene and care of the sick in every community in the country. This instruction has not only laid the foundation for public health but in some places has given impetus to the establishment of hospitals and community school houses.

"As a community profits by the work of the nurse," says Miss Clara D. Noyes, director of the department of nursing, "it is logical that the community should be aroused to its responsibility. The American Red Cross stands ready to help in a general campaign of recruiting and must have the support, sympathy and understanding of the medical profession as well as the intelligent co-operation of the people at large."

HOME SERVICE FOR EVERYBODY IN NEED

Do you know what the present day Home Service of the American Red Cross is?

Many people do not know that, besides completing the work for ex-service men, especially the disabled, it provides the same neighborly service to families in general that it formerly gave families of soldiers, sailors and marines.

"Home Service covers a wide and varied field," says Frederick C. Munroe, general manager of the American Red Cross. "It gives aid to families in solving such problems as budget planning, marketing, tiding over times of financial stress, keeping children in school, helping crippled children, widowed and deserted mothers, children backward in school and children in conflict with the laws. It renders service to the homeless and transient, to the illiterate, to tenement dwellers, to the unemployed, and gives friendly assistance and advice to foreign speaking groups."

In addition to helping families in the solution of their own problems, Home Service helps in strengthening the weak spots in the social life of communities. It joins hands with others to make communities safer, healthier and happier.

Organizing action along lines in which the community is already interested is one of the objects of Home Service. It has established community meetings, patriotic celebrations, pageants and picnics. Rest rooms, recreation facilities, play supervisors and moving pictures have been provided. Through Home Service other agencies are influenced to bring about improved commercial amusements and better school facilities and to promote traveling libraries as well as to secure county agricultural and home demonstration agents.

If you need assistance at any time, go to the secretary of the nearest Red Cross chapter and describe the situation. Your confidence will be sacredly respected and every possible effort will be made to aid you.

American Red Cross Roll Call.

The Fourth Annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross will be held this year from Armistice Day, November 11, to Thanksgiving Day, November 25, inclusive. During [illegible] and women of [illegible] pay their annual [illegible] membership.

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DANGERS FROM AUTOMOBILE

Startling statistics as to fatalities arising out of the operation of automobiles were given out last week by the executive committee of the National Safety Council, in session at Atlantic City, N. J. In a report issued by it the statement was made, based on figures for the current year, that three times as many people are being killed by automobiles as in all the factories, mines, railroad and other industries in the country. According to the report, "one person is killed by an automobile in the United States every thirty-five minutes, and the menace is growing all the time, almost in proportion to the increase of the machines in use." Automobile deaths in Chicago during the first six months of this year were said to be 25 per cent greater than during the previous year, despite all the efforts put forth by those in authority to decrease the peril. The committee bases upon such figures as these, coupled with the probable large extension of the use of the automobile, a plea for uniformity of safety in legislation in states and cities, declaring that conflict in regulations is responsible for a great deal of the peril to which the public is subject from automobile driving. It is right, however, in concluding that the problem cannot be solved by legislation alone, but that the efforts of the public authorities to enforce safety regulations must be supported by aroused public opinion. It might be added that perhaps the committee's figures would be more impressive if they were given more in detail with comparative data to support the general statements made.

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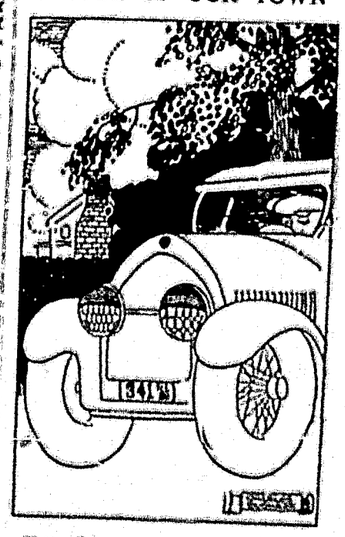

If the Farmer ever Tucked his Pants in his Boots, said "Gosh all Hemlock!" and Worried about the Mortgage, that was when Hector was a Pup. Now he is a Live Business Man who drives to Town in his Sporty Model Speedboy, Amputates a few Liberty Bond coupons and Pays for this Paper Two Years in Advance.

POEMS WORTH READING

HE KNOWS

By Mary D. Brainard

I know not what will befall me!
God hangs a mist o'er my eyes;
And o'er each step of my onward path
He makes new scenes to rise,
And every joy He sends me
Comes as a sweet and glad surprise.

I see not a step before me,
As I tread the days of the year.
But the past is still in God's keeping,
The future His mercy shall clear,
And what looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near.

For perhaps the dreaded future
Has less bitterness than I think;
The Lord may sweeten the water
Before I stoop to drink;
Or, if Marah must be Marah,
He will stand beside its brink.

It may be there is waiting
For the coming of my feet
Some gift of such rare blessedness,
Some joy so strangely sweet,
That my lips can only tremble
With the thanks I cannot speak.

O restful, blissful ignorance!
'Tis blessed not to know,
It keeps me quiet in those arms
Which will not let me go,
And hushes my soul to rest
On the breast which loves me so.

So I go on, not knowing;
I would not if I might;
I would rather walk on in the dark
with God,
Than go alone in the light.
I would rather walk with Him by faith.
Than walk alone by sight.

My heart shrinks back from trials
Which the future may disclose,
Yet I never had a sorrow
But what the dear Lord chose;
So I send the coming tears back,
With the whispered word, "He knows."

EVERYBODY'S LONESOME

Way down deep within their hearts
Everybody's lonesome;
Far within their secret parts
Everybody's lonesome;
Makes no difference how they smile,
How they live or what their style;
Ones in every little while
Everybody's lonesome.

People first in big affairs—
Even they are lonesome;
Maybe like to put on airs,
Just the same they're lonesome.
Men for whom existence blends
Every good, who gain all ends,
Still reach out their hands for friends;
Everybody's lonesome.

Women, silk clad, jewelled fine,
Yes, they, too, are lonesome;
When their gems the brightest shine
They are just as lonesome.
Some must serve and some command,
All still seek with groping hand
Love and friends who understand;
Everybody's lonesome.

Though your gift of friendship's small,
Everybody's lonesome,
Be now answer someone's call,
Someone who is lonesome,
Give, and give with might and main,
Raise your hands, and join the chain,
And your gift will in vain
Sometime, when you're lonesome.

Detroit News

SOME ONE

Some one, somewhere, thinks of you,
Don't be sad and don't be blue;
Some one, somewhere, even the gleams
Of your eyes must be dreams
Don't be lonely, don't be down,
Some one, somewhere, holds you fast
In his bosom, first and last.
Don't be weary waiting here;
Some one, somewhere, sends you cheer,
Through the spaces, through the gloom,
Some one calls you still his bloom,
All his faith and all his pride
Greet you somewhere on the tide.

Some one, somewhere, all the while
Wears your memory as a smile.
Don't be hopeless, just be true;
Some one, somewhere, thinks of you,
Trusts and loves you and will wing
Somewhere to you as you sing,
Till together two shall wend,
Somewhere happy in the end.

THE RIVER OF REST

By Joaquin Miller

A beautiful stream is the River of Rest;
The still, wide waters sweep clear and cold.
A tall mast crosses a star in the west;
A white sail gleams in the west world's gold;
It leans to the shore of the River of Rest—
The lily-lined shores of the River of Rest.

The boatman rises. He reaches a hand;
He knows you well; he will steer you true
And far, so far, from all ills upon land—
From hates, from fates that pursue and pursue;
Far over the lily-lined River of Rest—
Dear mystical, magical River of Rest.

A storied, sweet stream is this River of Rest;
The souls of all time keep its ultimate shore;
And journey you east or journey you west,
Unwilling or willing, sure-footed or sore,
You surely will come to this River of Rest—
This beautiful, beautiful River of Rest.

HER ATTRACTIONS

Author Unknown

She has no dazzling charms, no classic grace,
Nothing, you think, to win men's hearts about her;
Yet, looking at her sweet and gentle face,
I wonder what our lives would be without her.

She has no wish in the great world to shine;
For work outside a woman's sphere no yearning;
But on the altar of home's sacred shrine
She keeps the fire of pure affection burning.

We tell our griefs into her patient ear;
She whispers "Hope" when ways are dark and dreary;
The little children like to have her near,
And run into her open arms when weary.

Her step falls lightly by the sufferer's bed;
Where poverty and care abound she lingers;
And many a weary heart and aching head
Find gifts of healing in her tender fingers.

She holds a helping hand to those who fall,
Which gently guides them back to paths of duty;
Her kindly eyes, with kindly looks for all,
See an unnumbered souls some hidden beauty

Her charity would every need embrace;
The shy and timid fear not to address her;
With loving tact she rightly fills her place,
While all who know her pray that Heaven may bless her.

ALWAYS A WAY

There is always a way to rise, my lad,
Always a way to advance,
But the road that leads to Mount Success
Does not pass by the way of Chance;
It goes through the stations of Work and Strive,
Through the Valley of Persevere,
And the man that succeeds while others fail
Must be willing to pay most dear.
For there's always a way to fall, my lad,
Always a way to slide,
And the men you find at the foot of the hill
All sought for an easy ride.
And so on and up, though the road be rough,
And the storms come thick and fast;
There is room at the top for the fellow who tries,
And victory comes at last.

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SOUTH PARIS

Miss Nellie M. Jackson is visiting in Boston.

A. F. DeCoster of Sumner was in town, Thursday.

H. W. Dunham of West Paris was in town, Saturday.

Harry J. R. Clark of Bangor has been visiting relatives in town.

Elmer Davis visited his mother, Mrs. Fred Emery, in Gray last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kneeland of Harrison are in town for a short stay.

R. B. Butts has returned from Kingfield, where he has been spending some time.

George Davee was a recent guest of his brother, Bert Davee, in West Minot.

Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Fox at Bethel.

B. H. Watson of New York City is spending a few weeks at the Andrews House.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jacobs are the guests of friends in Rockland.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving O. Barrows are visiting relatives in Massachusetts.

Miss Ruth Sutherland of Cambridge, Mass., is a guest at L. J. Brackett's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Doran and two daughters of Ottawa, Ont., are guests of the family of George A. Doran.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Morton, Mrs. Rizpah Whitman and Mrs. L. C. Morton attended the centennial celebration at Turner, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Butts and daughter of Kingfield were in town last week.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Buck went to Boston, Monday, where Dr. Buck will attend the convention of the National Dental Association.

Mrs. Sabrina Jackson was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Richardson in Greenwood.

Mrs. L. C. Smiley spent several days with Miss Dorothy Noble at Noble's Corner last week.

Miss Evelyn Wight was the week end guest of Miss Louise Powers in Portland.

A. M. Deering of Denmark and Miss Alice Deering of Chicago were guests at E. N. Haskell's, Saturday.

Ernest F. Shaw and Eugene Hammond were in Christmas Cove and Bristol a few days last week.

The Weelaffalot Club was entertained Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Swett by Mrs. Sara Swett Lewallen and Miss Ethel C. Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bowker of Portland were guests of his brother, Chas. W. Bowker, and family, Thursday.

Mrs. Vesta Chapman has sold her house on High street to Charles H. Kimball, and he and Mrs. Kimball will move there from their farm in the King District. Mrs. Chapman will move into the rooms in C. H. Churchill's house on High street now occupied by Mrs. Georgia Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Butts attended the outing of the Maine State Master Plumbers' Association at Long Island, Portland Harbor, last week.

Mrs. Florence A. Warner will speak at South Paris, Thursday, Aug. 26, at a meeting planned for the convenience of clubs in Oxford, Androscoggin and Franklin counties. Mrs. Warner is home department director of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and Agricultural League. She is touring the State in the interest of conservation and thrift work.

Ed. Knight is helping W. P. Morton, manager of the Paris Advertising Company. They are painting signs for local firms on the fair ground fence on Pleasant street.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Edwards have returned from a three weeks' vacation spent at Pleasant Lake, Otisfield.

John Wight has an apple tree of the banana apple variety which is bearing fruit and blossoms.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mosher and daughter, Hazel, have gone to Providence, R. I., to visit relatives during Mr. Mosher's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Barnes and Miss Helen Barnes spent Sunday with relatives at Portland.

BUCKFIELD

The following are the teachers for the schools of Buckfield for the fall term: High school, C. S. Fuller, principal, with Mrs. Elizabeth Withington in charge of the English and History departments and Miss Rachael Irish of Turner in charge of the languages; Olin Jones of Lewiston will teach the intermediate grades and Julia Gile the primary. Miss Ethel Young of Minot will assist Miss Jones and Miss Gile. East Buckfield, Arthur Cole; North Buckfield, Bertha Barrows of Sumner, South Hill, Thelma Jordan; Whitman, Thelma Caswell; Brook, Winona Alexander; Prince, Marjory Pride.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Channel of Cambridge, Mass., and Miss Carrie Ambuck of Boston called on Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ricker, Sunday.

Several from town attended the rally at Island Park, Saturday.

Miss Jean Sikes and Mrs. Maurice Allen were guests of Rev. and Mrs. P. M. Lamb at Canton, Sunday.

Harry Conant and wife of South Paris were guests of E. E. Conant over Sunday.

H. F. Rawson and A. L. Newton were in Portland, Saturday and Sunday.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Herbert Crooker of Beverly, Mass., is enjoying a vacation with his aunt, Mrs. Alice Farrington.

Eva Bean is visiting her brother, Frank, and wife.

Florence Howe of Hanover is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. B. Rand.

Martha Buck visited at her home in Gorham, N. H., Sunday.

Gwendolyn Bartlett will join a party on a camping trip to Upton this week.

Donald and Lester Tebbets were guests of relatives at Auburn, Sunday.

F. L. Edwards and family of Bethel are at their cottage for the rest of the season.

RUMFORD POINT

Herman Ham and wife were guests last week of Mrs. Baker.

Susan Martin and Mrs. Blanchard enjoyed an outing at Upper Dam last week.

Geo. and John Hopkins were home over Sunday.

F. A. Knight and wife of Yarmouth were in town, Sunday.

Will Walker and family were home Sunday.

Frank Simpson of Lewiston was a visitor in town last week.

Bertha Noble is working at Holt's camp, Howard Pond.

BEAT HIGH COST OF LUMBER BY USE OF FARM WOODLANDS

To show the serious disadvantage and economic loss to which large numbers of farmers have been put because they have not properly utilized available woodlands, the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, has compiled information regarding conditions in a number of sections of the country, of which the following cases are typical:

Farmers in Rockbridge County, Va., who have timber on their own farms have been little affected by high lumber prices, and have been able to make the necessary repairs and improvements, while their neighbors whose home woodlands failed to afford the needed supplies of timber have been obliged to cease or greatly curtail improvements requiring much lumber. These farms are suffering from depreciation in value. In California, where the agricultural prosperity has been marked for the past three years, many ranchers are now making only such repairs and improvements as are absolutely necessary. This is owing to the high prices, limited supply, and poor quality of available lumber. These and many other instances are cited in the report which the Forest Service has prepared on the condition of the forestry resources of the country in response to a resolution passed by the United States Senate.

THE LENGTH OF ANIMAL LIFE

Domestic animals seldom attain the age that Nature allows them. We grudge them their nourishment, overtire them, and do not give them proper shelter. And then we take from them their milk, fleece, hide flesh, in fact everything. How can you ever grow old when the butcher is waiting for you at the stable door with his knife? Useless to speak of these poor victims of our need; to give us long life, they do not live out their time. Supposing that an animal is well treated, that it suffers neither hunger nor cold, that it lives in peace without excessive fatigue, without fear of knacker or butcher; under these good conditions, how many years will it live?

A dog at twenty or twenty five years, can no longer drag himself along; a pig is a tottering veteran at twenty; at fifteen at the most, a cat no longer chases mice—it says goodbye to the joys of the roof and retires to some corner of a granary to die in peace; the goat and sheep, at ten or fifteen, touch extreme old age; the rabbit is at the end of its skein at eight or ten; and the miserable rat, if it lives four years, is looked upon among its own kind as a prodigy of longevity.

The pigeon may live from six to ten years; the guinea fowl, hen, and turkey, twelve. A goose lives longer; it is true that in its quality of goose it does not worry. The goose attains twenty-five years, and even a good deal more. The goldfinch, sparrow, birds free from care, always singing, always frisking, happy as possible with a ray of sunlight in the foliage and a grain of hemp seed, live as long as the gluttonous goose, and longer than the stupid turkey. These very happy little birds live from twenty to twenty five years.

As to man, if he leads a regular life, he often lives to eighty or ninety. Sometimes he reaches a hundred or even more. But should he attain only the ordinary age, the average age, as they say, that is about forty, then he is to be considered a privileged creature as to length of life. And besides, for man, my dear children, length of life is not measured exactly according to the number of years. He lives most who works most. When God calls us to Him, let us take with us the sincere esteem of others and the consciousness of having done our duty to the end; and, whatever our age, we shall have lived long enough.—Jean Henri Fabre in "The Story Book of Science."

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FLOWERS

By George Wilson Jennings

Over an entrance to one of the buildings in the Botanical Gardens in Brooklyn, New York, is a saying which reads in this wise, "He is happiest who hath power to gather wisdom from a flower." This saying teaches a lesson and should be indelibly impressed on the mind.

Doubtless botany has its value, but the flowers know how to preach divinity before men knew how to dissect and botanize them; they are apt to stop preaching, though, so soon as we begin to dissect and botanize them. To analyze the charm of flowers is like dissecting music; it is one of those things which it is far better to enjoy rather than attempt to understand.

What a desolate place would be a world without a flower. It would be a face without a smile, a feast without a welcome. Flowers should be considered the stars of earth and the stars the flowers of heaven. One of our famous writers has said, that "Flowers have an expression of countenance as much as men or animals. Some seem to smile; some have a sad expression; some are pensive as well as diffident; others are plain, honest and upright, like the broad faced sunflower and hollyhock."

We can manufacture no colors to equal those of our flowers in their marvellous brilliancy, such, for instance, as the marigolds, poppies, bleeding heart, sweet william, asters, sunflowers, and last, but by no means least, the graceful fuchsia, its blood-red petals and calyx of bluish purple, more exquisit in color and form than any hand or eyes, no matter how well skilled or trained, can imitate. We should never have a garden without these flowers that I have mentioned, both for their own sake, as well as the sake of the old fashioned folks of the early New England days, who used to love these old-fashioned flowers of our grandmother's day. They were a people who realized that these flowers had such a simple beauty among the common herbs of our pastures, and breathed their lives so unobtrusively, like hearts whose heatings are too gentle for the world.

Flowers are one of the brightest remembrances of youth; they waft us back to our early days, with their bland and delightful perfume, back to those joyous hours that only a young life can know.

What would we think or say of one who had invented flowers, supposing that, before him, flowers were things unknown? Would it not be a Paradise of a new delight? Would we not hail the inventor as a genius, as a God? And yet these lovely and marvellous productions of the earth have been speaking to man from the first dawn of his existence until now, telling him of the goodness and wisdom of the Creating Power, which bade the earth bring forth, not only that which was useful and beneficial as food, but also flowers, the bright consummate flowers, to clothe it in beauty and joy.

TIGHTENS QUARANTINE BAN AGAINST CORN INSECT PEST

Restrictions placed upon the importation of articles apt to carry the European corn borer or other dangerous insect pests were made more drastic through action recently taken by the Federal Horticultural Board of the United States Department of Agriculture in amending its quarantine order which has been in effect since February 21, 1920. The amendments make it necessary for foreign exporters to sterilize their broom corn offered for shipment to the United States in such a manner as to eliminate visibly and positively infested material. As an additional precaution, disinfection of such broom corn will be carried out according to the original regulations.

Recently a shipment of about 18,000 very coarse large brooms from Italy arrived at New York. Upon inspection it was found that they were stuffed with stems of broom corn and should therefore, be placed in the same class as baled broom corn as regards the danger of the borer.

MAINE FAIR DATES

Dates for the Maine fairs and the secretaries are as follows:

Aug. 17-19—Cornish, Leon M. Ayer, Cornish.

Aug. 17-19—New Belfast, H. C. Buzzell, Belfast.

Aug. 23-27—Eastern Maine, Bangor, A. B. Peckham, Bangor.

Aug. 24-26—Caribou, Frank Riley, Caribou.

Aug. 30-Sept. 3—Central Maine, Waterville, R. M. Gilmore, Waterville.

Aug. 31-Sept. 3.—Houlton, E. P. Henderson, Houlton.

Sept. 6-8—Cumberland County, Gorham, F. E. Moulton, Cumberland Center.

Sept. 6-8—South Kennebec, South Windsor, A. N. Douglass, R. F. D. 9, Gardiner.

Sept. 6-8—Androscoggin Valley, Canton, Henry Richards, Canton.

Sept. 7-9—Hancock County, Bluehill, Alonzo S. Witham, Bluehill.

Sept. 7-9—North Penobscot, Springfield, I. R. Averill, Prentiss.

Sept. 7-10—Presque Isle.

Sept. 8-10—Four County Fair Association, Pittsfield, Nellie M. Burse, Pittsfield.

Sept. 7-10—Machias Valley, E. S. Ames, Machias.

Sept. 8—Pleasant Valley Grange Fair, West Bethel.

Sept. 14-15—Unity, J. J. Farrell, Unity.

Sept. 14-16—West Penobscot, Exeter, E. E. Colbath, R. F. D. 3, Exeter.

Sept. 14-17—North Franklin, Phillips, Otto A. Badger, Phillips.

Sept. 14-17—Maine State Fair, Lewiston, J. S. Butler, Lewiston.

Sept. 15-16—Eden, Julien Emery, Salisbury Cove.

Sept. 18—Embden, Grant Witham, Solon.

Sept. 22—Solon, J. Matson, Solon.

Sept. 21-23—Oxford County, Norway, W. O. Frothingham, South Paris.

Sept. 21-23—North Knox, Union, H. L. Grinnell, Union.

Sept. 21-23—Franklin County, Farmington, George D. Clarke, Farmington.

Sept. 21-23—West Washington, Cherryfield, W. S. Coffin, Harrington.

Sept. 22-23—North Ellsworth Farmers' Club, North Ellsworth, Vina C. Ellis, R. F. D. 3, Ellsworth.

Sept. 23-25—East Somerset, Hartland, H. H. Coston, Pittsfield.

Sept. 28—Greene, E. B. Sanderson, Greene.

Sept. 28-30—Bristol, J. W. Hunter, Damariscotta.

Sept. 28-30—Androscoggin County, Livermore Falls, Charles D. Dyke, Livermore Falls.

Sept. 28-30—New Gloucester and Danville, New Gloucester, L. A. McKnight, R. F. D. 7, Auburn.

Sept. 28—Monmouth Cochnewagan Agricultural, Monmouth, W. E. Reynolds, Monmouth.

Sept. 28-30—Kennebec County, Readfield, E. E. Peacock, Readfield.

Sept. 28-30—Lincoln County, Damariscotta, J. A. Perkins, Nobleboro.

Sept. 28-30—West Oxford, Fryeburg, B. T. Knowman, Fryeburg.

Sept. 28—Richmond Farmers' Club, N. H. Skelton, Richmond.

Sept. 29-30—North Oxford, Andover, F. F. Talbot, Andover.

Oct. 5—Leeds, H. W. Lincoln, Leeds Center.

Oct. 5-7—Shapleigh and Acton, Acton, Fred W. Bodwell, Acton.

Oct. 6-7—Somerset County, Anson, F. Withee, Madison.

Oct. 12-14—Sagadahoc County, Topsham, E. C. Patten, Topsham.

Nov. 16-18—Maine State Pomological, Portland.

Jan. 4-6, 1921—Western Maine Poultry Assn., South Paris.

Jan. 4-7, 1921—South Berwick Poultry Association at South Berwick.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS TO GIVE RURAL HELP

Program for Public Health and Community Welfare Is Now Well Under Way.

Rural communities and towns of less than 8,000 population benefit in a very large part by the public health and community welfare work of the American Red Cross. Almost all of the 3,000 Red Cross chapters have some rural sections in their territory. Therefore the Red Cross Rural Service.

Briefly, the purpose of Rural Service is to assist people to get out of life more health, wealth and happiness. In this purpose public health instruction and general educational progress of both children and adults play a big part.

Recreation is found to be one of the biggest needs in rural life. There is lack of sufficient play-life for the children and social life for the adults. Picnics, pageants, debating clubs, baseball leagues, community singing and other social events which bring the people of surrounding communities together have been organized and carried on under the guidance of Red Cross rural workers to great advantage. In many instances solving recreational problems and getting people together proves to be the awakening of the community to other conditions which may be improved by united action.

As a result of community organization, townships in which there had been neither plans nor interest in community progress have been organized to work together with the unified purpose of bringing their community up to the most enlightened standards. Lecture and musical entertainment courses have been started as a result of community meetings, as well as circulating libraries, Red Cross schools of instruction in Home Nursing, Care of the Sick and First Aid. In the larger towns the need for restrooms and public comfort stations is being met. Playgrounds for the children have been established and recreational activities worked out for the year.

In order that there may be concerted effort in carrying on the programs of the various welfare agencies in the rural districts, Red Cross Rural Service helps the organizations already on the ground. The main object of the service is to lend a hand everywhere and take the lead only where necessary.

JUNIOR RED CROSS ACTIVE IN EUROPE

Garden seeds for Polish orphans, milk for anaemic Greek babies, carpenters' tools for Czecho-Slovakian cripples—these are only a few of the gifts that young Americans are sending to the war-crushed children of the Old World.

Through the Junior Red Cross the boys and girls of the United States are giving a fresh start in life to little war orphans scattered all over Europe. They have set up orphans' homes in France, school colonies in Belgium and Montenegro, and day schools in Albania.

They are sending dozens of young Syrians, Montenegrins, and Albanians to American colleges in Constantinople and Beirut, and maintaining more than a hundred orphans of French soldiers at colleges and trade schools. In orphanages and farm schools up and down the peninsula of Italy there are nearly 500 wards of American Juniors.

Last winter a thousand French children from the inadequate shelters of the devasted regions were sent by the Junior Red Cross to spend the cold months in warmer parts of France. At the same time five thousand little Belgians were having a hot lunch every day at Junior Red Cross school canteens.

American school children have already raised something like a million dollars for these enterprises, and they are still hard at work.

In China, through campaigns of education, the Junior Red Cross is helping to combat widely prevalent blindness and cholera.

RED CROSS RELIEF IN CENTRAL EUROPE

But for timely assistance of the American Red Cross during the last year, a large proportion of the 20,000,000 population of the Balkan States might have starved or perished from disease or exposure. Six million dollars worth of food, clothing and medical supplies have been sent to the Balkans—Roumania, Bulgaria, Albania, Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Greece—since the beginning of Red Cross relief operations in Central Europe, while millions of dollars worth of food alone has been sent to the needy in these states.

The money expended by the Red Cross in this stricken portion of Europe has been used to set up hospitals, orphanages, dispensaries, mobile medical units and to help in the general reconstruction of devastated areas. American tractors and other farming implements have been sent to the agricultural regions where aid has been given in plowing the land.

By the last of this year probably all American Red Cross agencies administering relief in Central Europe will have withdrawn. By that time, it is believed, the people will have reached a normal state of living and will be able through their own agencies which the Red Cross has helped set up to provide for themselves.

The American Legion

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LEGION PAYS OFF BIG DEBTS

Organization Disposes of Claims and Interest Amounting to $44,768.60 During Month of April.

Long-standing debts aggregating $33,005 and accrued interest amounting to $11,763.60 were paid off by the American Legion during the month of April, according to a financial statement recently issued by Robert H. Tyndall, national treasurer of the organization.

R. H. TYNDALL.

The statement, which sets forth the financial status of the Legion as of April 30, 1920, marks an important step in the history of the 15-months-old body. It stands as conclusive evidence that the initial expenditure of some $257,000 which the Legion borrowed prior to the Minneapolis convention for use in building up a solid, permanent organization on a firm basis, was wisely made.

"When the idea of a Legion was first conceived and its founders began putting into execution their plans for making it the vast reality it now is," said Mr. Tyndall, "they found they needed money, just as in the case of any new association or enterprise. All business men know that every new enterprise must sustain an initial loss to be liquidated later over a period of time after the body becomes a success.

"To initiate the organization plan, some 200 friends of the Legion individually guaranteed 92 separate loans, aggregating $257,000, secured by their personal notes. The money was borrowed on these notes throughout the country on a basis of apportionment according to federal reserve bank districts. The loan is a legal debt, acknowledged by the Legion at its national convention, and constitutes an ordinary, normal business transaction. The notes bear interest and every penny of interest and principal will be paid off just as fast as our present stable resources warrant.

"Today, the best evidence that the money was wisely expended is found in the fact that the American Legion is definitely established as a completely organized body. That active management of its affairs is in the hands of a national executive committee composed of representatives from every state in the Union shows that the organization is a sound one.

"It is due entirely to the able efforts of those in charge of the early organization work, who raised the money and expended it in a business-like way, that the Legion is now able to pay off these debts in substantial sums.

"National headquarters of the Legion receives no financial support except from dues and sale of emblems, excluding, of course, the $400,000 trust fund given to the Legion by the Y. M. C. A. This money, which probably will be increased to $500,000 after the final audit of the Y. M. C. A. canteen account, will be invested in safe securities pending the formal appointment of the Fletcher American National Bank of Indianapolis as trustee, the executive committee of the Legion having decided that the sum be held in trust for a period of five years. The principal, under this plan, is to be invested and re-invested, the income to be used for the benefit of disabled ex-service men or for work in connection with the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion, the donors having expressed this preference."

NEW HAMPSHIRE IS IN LEAD

Department Shows Gain of 6,000 Members During American Legion Week; Nebraska Second.

In a letter forwarded to all departments of the American Legion recently, Lemuel Bolles, national adjutant, announces that standings of states in the Legion "membership pack" will be determined on the basis of returns at national headquarters up to the close of business June 15.

Incomplete reports from various parts of the country indicate that the New Hampshire department with a gain of 6,000 new members during the American Legion week, having so far enrolled the largest percentage of eligibles in its state, is leading all others. Nebraska is second, Massachusetts third and California fourth in the race at present. It is estimated that the grand total of new members gathered in during the entire campaign will be nearly half a million.

Tally sheets arriving at national headquarters during the last few days show that in comparatively few instances have all posts in any state reported their totals of new members gained, and it is believed the winning department will not be definitely known until after June 15.

Alice the Vamp

By H. Louis Rayhold

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"Well, thank goodness, this is the last vacation we shall have to worry about Tom," and Tom's sister, Julia, folded her hands in her lap. "Next year he will be working."

"I suppose so," said her mother regretfully. True, one did wonder what Tom would be up to next whenever he was home, but it was pleasant having him around the house, telling stories about his college life, picking out, with one finger, the latest popular hits on the piano, denuding the pantry shelves of everything edible.

Whenever Tom came home to Whitneyville, things simply hummed. His freshman year he had decided to paint the barn, and paint it he did, after nearly killing himself by a fall from the ringpole and failing to match the north side with the south side as to color.

His sophomore year he had brought home a classmate with him, and what with straw rides, picnics and porch parties Whitneyville developed almost enough of a social calendar to fill a Sunday social column.

Last year—well, last year his ambition had been greater. He had fallen in love with and wanted to marry on the spot a girl in the next town, a young slip of a thing with brown eyes and golden hair and a dimple in her chin who answered to the name of Elsie Carrington.

Somehow or other between them, his mother and sister had managed to nip this absurdly youthful romance, as it seemed to them, in the bud, and Tom had returned to college a sadder, wiser, but unmarried man. Sadder, because of temporarily thwarted plans; wiser, because—well, just wiser, we'll say.

What form would his activities take this year?

"I hope the 'vamp' doesn't try for him," said Julia, bitterly, thereby voicing the very fear in her mother's mind. And both of them knew that if Tom Branford did not succumb to Alice Haynes' vampishness it would be because he had more strength of character than the rest of the Whitneyville youth or else because he was irrevocably attached to another.

Alice Haynes was not exactly a newcomer to Whitneyville. She was an old-timer who had gone away to study art and had come back in a new character. That is, she returned an artist—of sorts. She dressed like one, in stenciled smocks, talked "the lingo," and lived in a studio.

Yes, she had taken over old man Woodbridge's barn, replaced the horse stall partitions with beaver board, hung the walls with rep instead of harness, and imported by truck from New York a collection of rugs, samovars, easels and ash trays which would have done credit to a locality where such things were better appreciated.

Once settled, she began to entertain—sister artists over week-ends, a musical comedy star, a Russian violinist and his literary wife—in short, so many people that Whitneyville soon lost all track of their numerous comings and goings.

Gradually, however, the young men of the town managed an introduction to her, then dropped in to call, and finally got the habit of going often. One day some facetious town wit spoke of her as the vamp, and from that moment her stock dropped below par with the women folk. The epithet may or may not have been true. What was indubitably true, however, was the fact that former popular young women were now forced to sit of a Sunday afternoon on their lonely verandas twirling their thumbs and wondering who invented vamps, anyway.

Into this disturbed social atmosphere dropped Tom Branford, now a graduate and his own master, with a promising job at his disposal the first of September. And he had not been in Whitneyville a week before, in spite of the efforts of his mother and Julia, he had not only discovered the vamp but had become one of the most regular frequenters of the studio.

"He's lost his appetite!" lamented Mrs. Branford one morning, viewing the array of cup custards proposed to tempt it back again.

"More likely he's fed up with Russia tea and Dutch cheeses and—and glace fruits," said Julia shortly. "What he can see in that woman!"

"I wish we had not put our foot down so strongly about Miss Carrington," ventured her mother. "I didn't really object to her. It was just that Tom was so young." To Mrs. Branford the visions of last year, which at the time seemed so dreadful—visions of Tom marrying a young slip of a thing and setting up an establishment of his own—now appeared altogether heavenly beside pictures of Tom lounging in the society of long-haired poets and drinking tea poured by the hands of short-haired women.

"I have an idea," began Julia slowly, "if it isn't too late. Let's tell Tom that we have changed our minds about thinking he was too young to be married, and suggest that he invite Miss Carrington here for a visit. She wouldn't come unless they were engaged, and if he still cares he might persuade her to be engaged—and there's an end to Alice the Vamp."

Mrs. Branford looked hopeful. Then an expression of doubt clouded her face. Would Tom haunt the home of one girl if still in love with another? "If only it isn't too late!" she breathed.

That night when Tom sneaked in, some time nearer 12 than 11, he found to his surprise both his mother and his sister awaiting his return. Usually the task of "sitting up for Tom" was assumed by them alternately. It was a form of attention, moreover, which greatly annoyed Tom, who had no desire to be sat up for like a young high school girl.

But tonight his face wore an expression of such radiant happiness that nothing could have chilled it. "Mother—Julia!" he cried. "Congratulate me! She has said 'Yes'!"

The hearts of the two women congealed within them. Too late! Too late!

"I'm sure I hope you'll be very happy!" Julia rose to the occasion with proper, if mild, politeness.

"I do, too, dear," faltered his mother. "Although I had hoped—Elsie Carrington, you know."

"Well, of — all — things!" Tom brought out the words with staccato emphasis. "I thought—last summer—but never mind, now—only if I had known!" He swung an arm around each of the two women. "You dear old things. That's who it is, you know—Elsie!"

The following afternoon in the pleasant Branford living room two chairs drawn close together and four feet on the fender gave indications that Tom had brought his wife-to-be home for a little visit.

"And I thought your mother and sister didn't like me," Elsie was saying. "Otherwise, I would never have consented to having you see me secretly at Cousin Alice's."

"Well, we were both wrong," said Tom complacently. "It seems they were both crazy about you—simply crazy. And how could they help it, darling?"

BEFORE THE DAY OF STEAM

According to History, Travel by Stage Coach Must Have Been a Trial to the Nerves.

The stage-coach was little better than a huge covered box mounted on springs. It had neither glass windows, nor door, nor steps, nor closed sides. The roof was upheld by eight posts which rose from the body of the vehicle, and the body was commonly breast-high. From the top were hung curtains of leather, to be drawn up when the day was fine, and let down and buttoned when rainy and cold. Within were four seats. Without was the baggage. Fourteen pounds of luggage were allowed to be carried free by each passenger. But if his portmanteau or his brass-nail-studded hair trunk weighed more, he paid for it at the same rate per mile as he paid for himself. Under no circumstances, however, could he be permitted to take with him on the journey more than one hundred and fifty pounds. When the baggage had all been weighed and strapped on the coach, when the horses had been attached and the way-bill made out, the eleven passengers were summoned, and, clambering to their seats through the front of the stage, sat down with their faces toward the driver's seat. On routes where no competition existed progress was slow . . ."—"History of the People of the United States," by John B. McMaster.

COCONUT TREE'S MANY USES

For One Thing, Owner Can Keep a Supply of Sugar and "Toddy" on Its Shelves.

There is little wonder that some native tribes worship the coconut tree as a symbol of divinity. This magic tree furnishes its happy owner with food, wine, milk, oil, vinegar, light, timber and fiber, according to the Scientific American. In addition to the kernel of the coconut, the husk, coconut butter and palm sap or toddy, the coconut yields no less than 84 different products of value. Those parts of the tree which are utilized are the meat, husk and oil of the coconut, the shell, the fiber, the stem, the bark, leaves, young nut, green husk and early shoots of the seedlings.

From a coconut tree the owner can build his own home, ornament it, light it, build a boat, feed himself and his cattle, sheep or poultry, fertilize his land, manufacture his own soap, protect himself with a gas mask, supply himself with succulent vegetables, preserves, pickles, prepare a delicious "toddy" and keep a supply of sugar on his coconut wood shelves.

Bulb Grows After 3,000 Years.

Lord Lindsay's party, while wandering among the Egyptian pyramids, found a mummy which from the hieroglyphics on the sarcophagus containing the body, was supposed to be three thousand years old. When the mummy was unwrapped, a small root was found in one of the hands. In order to learn how long vegetable seed life could exist, the bulb was taken from that hand, which had been closed for three thousand years, and planted in a sunny soil. In time it sprouted, blooming into a beautiful tree.—F. H. Cheley in "Stories for Talks to Boys."

An Illustration.

"Are there any exceptions to the principle that like produces like?"

"Certainly. There are many cases of getting hard cash from a soft thing."

His Trouble.

"How sad that man looks!"

"No wonder. He has always had an itching for office and he has to scratch for a living."

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

OBSERVING BOY SCOUT WEEK

The week of May 23 to May 30 will be observed throughout the land as Boy Scout week, and everywhere boys who are scouts will participate in the program of activities planned to emphasize the outdoor features of the scout program.

The great success of the Boy Scout movement has naturally created the demand for a much wider and more rapid extension of the benefits of the movement to the boys not already reached, and the objective of Boy Scout week will be to stimulate this interest. It is also intended that the campaign shall give every community an opportunity to show its appreciation of the achievements of the Boy Scouts locally and nationally and to give definite recognition to the value of the Boy Scout movement.

For Sunday, May 23, the opening day of Boy Scout week, special services in which the Scouts will participate are planned for churches of all denominations. Programs of various scouting activities will be held through the week and Friday, May 28, will be observed as hike and camp day, with every one of the 17,154 local scout troops getting into the woods.

Saturday the 29th will be field day, with competitions in tent pitching, fire building, wall scaling, signaling, tower and bridge building and demonstrations of first aid and life saving.

During the celebration of Boy Scout week all those who became associate members of the national council, Boy Scouts of America, during Boy Scout week in June, 1919, will be given an opportunity, through the local chairman or direct by mail, to again express their interest in the boyhood of the nation by renewing their membership. An effort will be made to secure many new associate members.

PERSHING GIVES SCOUT MEDALS.

Honor medals, the highest award which can be conferred upon a Boy Scout of America, were presented to Hamilton Craig and Beryl Warden, two Des Moines scouts, by Gen. John J. Pershing.

These medals are conferred upon the scouts for bravery and life saving by the National Court of Honor. Craig is a member of Troop No. 15 of Des Moines, and Warden is a scout in Troop No. 1 of Valley Junction.

The two boys saved the lives of four people at "The Ledges," near Boone, where the boy scouts were encamped in the summer.

Three people in swimming got beyond their depth, and were being swept out into the current. Craig swam out from shore and towed two of them into a boat which met them about 15 feet from shore.

In the meantime the brother of the other woman had jumped in to save his sister. They were both being swept down the river when Warden came to the rescue while thirty people watched from the river banks.

"BUCK" TAYLOR, LASSO EXPERT

Teaching the Youngsters the Art of Roping Pesky Critters of the Plains.

SCOUTING OFFSETS SOCIALISM.

Characterizing the Boy Scouts of America as the most effective means of combating the spread of those doctrines that advocate the overthrow of this government, Former Justice Luke D. Stapleton of Brooklyn, N. Y., spoke as follows:

"Against this system of propaganda are arrayed every sane organization, every American and, to my mind, the most effective, powerful and resistless organization—the Boy Scouts of America. That is my belief and the reason I am so keenly interested in the movement."

KNOWLEDGE IS VALUABLE.

There are various kinds of accidents of which a boy scout ought to have sufficient knowledge to handle rightly. There are those injuries in which the skin is not pierced or broken, such as bruises, strains, sprains, dislocations and fractures. There are those injuries in which the skin is pierced or broken, such as wounds and hemorrhages, nosebleed, abdominal wounds, wounds in which foreign bodies remain.

JUNIOR RED CROSS WORKING AT HOME

Production of Sound American Citizenship the First Aim, Says Dr. Farrand.

On the badge of every member of the Junior Red Cross are the words "I Serve." That tells the story of the school children's branch of the American Red Cross and its efforts to bring happiness to children throughout the world

Realizing that the time never was so propitious as right now for teaching the highest ideals of citizenship, the entire present program of the Junior Red Cross has been framed under the very inclusive phrase, "Training for Citizenship Through Service" for others. Since the Junior Red Cross is the agency through which the American Red Cross reaches the schoolboys and the schoolgirls, all its activities are designed to come within the regular school program, and without creating new courses or increasing the number of studies to lend its aid in vitalizing the work of the schools.

"The thing that is needed," says Dr. Livingston Farrand, Chairman of the American Red Cross Central Committee, "is not a perpetuation of the Junior Red Cross, but the training and breeding of sound American citizenship inspired by the true, fundamental ideals of sound democracy. One of the great conceptions in making the Red Cross a contributor to better citizenship in our American democracy is the realization that after all the sole hope of any nation is with the children of the country."

The plan of organization of the Junior Red Cross makes the school—public, parochial and private—the unit, not the individual pupils. Mutual service, helpful community work such as clean-up campaigns, care of the sick, promotion of health regulations, participation in civic and patriotic movements—all these creative agencies designed to translate into life and action the regular school program are parts of the machinery which the Junior Red Cross places at the disposal of the school authorities.

Graded study courses giving practical methods of civic training, supplemented by pamphlets and helpful suggestions, are supplied to the local schools by the Junior Red Cross. An elaborate plan for promoting an interchange of correspondence between children in different sections of the United States as well as with children in foreign lands is being devised and will take a prominent place in the established classroom program.

In promoting the general cause of child welfare, Red Cross courses in home hygiene and care of the sick, first aid, and dieting may be established in all Junior Red Cross Auxiliaries.

The ideals and the objective of the Junior Red Cross are embodied in the pledge of service which the pupil takes when he signs the membership roll and pins on his coat the Junior's badge. The pledge which binds together service and citizenship reads:

"We will seek in all ways to live up to the ideals of the Junior Red Cross and devote ourselves to its service.

"We will strive never to bring discredit to this, our country, by any unworthy act.

"We will revere and obey our country's laws and do our best to inspire a like reverence and obedience in those about us.

"We will endeavor in all these ways, as good citizens, to transmit America greater, better and more beautiful than she was transmitted to us."

At the foundation of this school program of the Junior Red Cross is a great love for America's children.

RED CROSS ACTIVE IN DISASTER RELIEF

When disaster hits a community—fire, flood, earthquake, explosion, bad wreck or tornado—the American Red Cross can be depended upon to follow right at its heels with help for the stricken people. Red Cross relief is almost immediately forthcoming—food, clothing, shelter and funds; doctors, nurses and special workers with long experience in handling similar trouble elsewhere.

During the last year, ending June 30, there was an average of four disasters a month in the United States. One hundred and fifty communities in twenty-seven states suffered. The largest and most destructive of these were the tidal wave at Corpus Christi, Texas, and tornadoes in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

In these events of horror 859 persons were killed, 1,500 were injured, 13,000 were made homeless, about 30,000 families needed help, the property loss was nearly $100,000,000 and almost $1,000,000 in relief funds, not including emergency supplies was expended.

To the sufferers from all disasters during the year, the American Red Cross sent $120,000 worth of supplies, 110 Red Cross nurses and seven special relief trains. To meet the needs of the stricken, the organization set up ten relief stations, operated thirty food canteens and as many emergency hospitals. One hundred and twenty-five Red Cross chapters gave disaster relief service.

If disaster ever strikes this town or county, the citizens can be absolutely sure the Red Cross will be right on hand to help them in every way.

WHERE THEY APPRECIATE TEACHERS

There is one place where the teachers get something like a living wage, but it isn't in America. It is in the province of Natal and Transvaal, in South Africa. Perhaps it may be of interest to Maine folks to see what a teacher's salary comes to in the Dark Continent; perhaps it will help to awaken them to what they should themselves pay for teaching. In figuring the salaries, I have taken the pound, the South African unit of money, as four dollars. This is very nearly its exact value at the time of writing this.

In these two parts of Africa the salaries are regulated by provincial laws, and are uniform throughout the whole of each province. The Transvaal salaries are almost identical with the Natal scale, from which I shall quote.

In Natal the lowest grade of teacher that is accepted at all, and who corresponds to one who has finished the normal course at one of the Maine normal schools after two years in high school, gets, if a woman, $720 a year to start, rising by $30 for each year of service. A man, similarly trained, begins at $960 and rises at the same rate. The next higher grade of teacher, who has passed college entrance and taken a three year normal course, begins, if a woman, $892 and rises at the rate of $60 a year. The corresponding men begin at $1080 and rise at the same rate.

These two sets of salaries cover the great bulk of the elementary school teachers in the two provinces. The principals of small rural schools, where the principal is the only teacher or has one assistant teacher, get $80 to $160 more, according as the size of the school varies. The principals of larger elementary schools begin at $1440 to $2000 in the case of women, and $1760 to $3000 in the case of men, and as with the other teachers, rise at the rate of $60 for each year of service.

The high school scales being at the top of these and go up to $4500, which is the maximum pay of any principal.

In addition to these salaries, there are extras. Every teacher has been getting for the last two years a war-bonus, which is never less than $10 a month, and rises with married men to $45 a month. All married men teachers, and also many women with dependents, get a house allowance of $200 a year.

To show how it works, the example of one man, teaching 9th grade in a small town may be given. His salary alone is $1320, and the extras raise it to almost exactly $2000. A woman, teaching 7th grade in a large school in Durban, and who has been eight years in the work, gets a total of $1550. The principal of the largest primary school in Natal gets $2915.—S. H.

EXPRESS RATES ADVANCED

Late last week the Interstate Commerce Commission authorized the American Railway Express Company to increase its present express rates 12½ per cent. The company had applied for permission to make an average advance in rates of 25.16 per cent, but the commission refused to grant that proposed increase because under existing contracts between the company and the railroads, the latter would receive one-half of that advance. New contracts with the carriers, it is understood, will go into effect in September which will not contain this provision. It is estimated that the commission's award will add approximately $30,000,000 annually to the company's revenue. Its purpose is to apply to all express rates except those on milk and certain articles which are produced only in restricted areas and are classified by the railroads between the same points. If there are competing commercial rates between the same points, present express rates may be raised 12½ per cent on those two commodities. The commission found no adequate reasons for granting the request of shippers that certain commodities be exempted from the application of increased rates, and also refused to establish "maximum to minimum" rates to apply to the classes of pick up and delivery service, or to allow deductions from the published rates where that service is not rendered. No warrant was found for granting the request of rubber tire manufacturers for special railroad commodity rates on their products, lower than the less than carload or any quantity rates, to apply where the shippers load and unload consignments. The express company is allowed to put the higher rates into effect on one day's notice, as provided by the interstate commerce act.

The decision does not take into consideration the Railroad Labor Board's recent action in granting a wage increase of 10 cents an hour to the 2,000 employees of the American Railway Express Company, effective as from May 1, 1920, and based on the wages paid for March 1. The total amount of the increase recommended is about $1,000,000, although the company figures that wages paid have since increased to have exceeded this amount by $2,000,000. It is expected that the express company will shortly file with the railroad labor board a petition for a further increase to cover the wage award. The latter's decision applies to all of the express company's employees excepting 2,000 shoppers, who received an increase of 13 cents an hour in the railroad award last month. The award to express messengers is somewhat higher than the increase granted to railroad workers. The board stated that the long delay in settling the wage controversy and the succession of disappointments resulting from the unsuccessful efforts of the men to get an increase last spring, "coupled with the pressure of a further rise in living costs, produced deep and not unreasonable dissatisfaction on the part of express employees even to a greater degree than upon many of the railroad employees, as the wages paid to the express employees were generally less than those paid for analogous service in the railroads and in many other industries" for three reasons and "as a measure of justice," the board granted increases slightly higher than those awarded to railroad employees and made its decision effective as of May 1. Four unions are affected by the board's ruling. The board, for the purpose of the award, classified all the express company's employees into five classes, granting the same increase, 10 cents an hour, to each class. Messengers and other employees in the train service whose hours are computed on a basis of 240 hours to the month will get an increase of $24.40 per month; all other employees working on a basis of 204 hours per month will receive an increase of $32.64 each month. As in the case of the railroad award the board stipulates that the sums due in this instance from May 1 to August 31 shall be given to the employees separately from their September checks so that they may know exactly the amount of back pay received.—Bradstreet's.

HO! GREENWOOD ICE CAVES

When years from now we some day find
Our boat is hard to row,
Take heart old friends! think of the days
We picnicked long ago.
Those hills we climbed, the hikes we took
In "quick stop" time or slow
In the days we went a-gypsying
A long time ago.
It matters not how far away
We each may chance to go,
We'll keep for aye the friendship true
We formed long time ago.

A happy party of old schoolmates, Harold Bartlett, New Hampshire State College; Robert and Wm. Hastings, U. of M.; Leo Cole, G. A., '15; Katherine Brown, G. A., '21; Clare Mason, G. A., '19; Ruth Cole, G. A., '19; Myrtle Beckler, G. A., '19, and Evelyn Cole recently visited Greenwood Ice Caves and explored the weird mysteries of their gloomy depths, after scaling heights that Clare is known to have said were perpendicular and in some places "shelving under," a wee bit.

Dame Nature must have been breaking up her house when these caves were formed into unfurnished apartments and was suddenly called away, leaving the faucets open. There are many chambers of various sizes in which ice can be found at any season of the year. Some are small while others are of considerable size and the passage ways in some places are much too narrow for comfort. Even "King Cole" had to empty his pockets before getting through "Fat Man's Misery" pass, and "King" is a lean fellow, too, and the best guide one can find to these underground caverns. Slipping, sliding, laughing, jesting, we explored, exclaimed and wondered, at length deciding that these caves beat the natural bridge of the South. So the boys produced a rope and Bob and Harold proceeded to literally "hang" Bill over the precipice where he skilfully emblazoned the initials of the party in flaming red leaving a record to prove that "Bill" is some emblazoner and a good performer on a rope. Some of the party discovered the fact that Bill and Ruth contemplate joining "Polly of the Circus," anyway they surely were "Hasty" and "Mandy" over again all right.

Luncheon was served and all did eat and were merry. Wish I could give you the menu, but we had none printed. I know there were cream puffs and pickles and Myrtle passed (?) the chicken to Harold while we all laughed so much no one had indigestion.

Climbing to the top of the ledges we gazed at the distant farm houses, the silver gleam of ponds in the valleys, the wooded hills, the crags and peaks of neighboring mountains and smiled to think God's greatness flows around our incompleteness, round our restlessness his rest.

On our downward journey we saw how another party had marked the trail very nicely, and it was "Wet Paint," too. When some distance had been actually slid down it was discovered that Bob and Katy had left various articles of wearing apparel up aloft as Bob trudged bravely, albeit a little wearily, to the heights after them. After awhile we all reached Greenwood City and the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cole where we received a hearty welcome and some time was spent "goin' in swimmin'," in the pond near the house. Many and various were the stunts. Some could swim like ducks and some like rocks, while some that couldn't swim at all sat on the shore and most devoutly wished they could. The evening was spent in singing and we all had a voice and used it. Quickly the hours passed and realizing there were miles ahead of some of us we sang our best in that lovely hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," then we rode away home in the misty darkness, voting it to have been one of the best of good times.

Bethel, August, 1920.

HOOKER AT RUMFORD

Mr. Elon H. Hooker, engineer and business man, close friend of the late Theodore Roosevelt, has been asked by the Republican National Committee to speak for the National ticket in Maine and elsewhere.

He has just made the pre-convention fight for Governor of New York state, but finally withdrew his name in Judge Miller's favor. Mr. Hooker subsequently received a large vote for the United States Senatorship in the Saratoga Convention.

Speaking at Rumford, August 24th, he said:

"We have been for the past seven years in a maze of unsound thinking, concealed in finely drawn phrases and involved deductions. Intellectual calisthenics are not executed realities.

"Maine Republicans, it is time we shook ourselves awake and laid firm hold on the simple, direct essentials of national government. Let us turn away from a kind of you-write-me-and-I'll-write-you diplomacy and administration.

"How much there is in the last seven years that we would like to live over again and differently. Think back to those days when the Russians were over the Carpathians and down onto the plains of Hungary. If we had been prepared, as we should have been, and had been in the war, when we should have been, I do not think it too much to say that a militant America, led by Theodore Roosevelt, sending its troops at that time to the reserve camps of France would have enabled the English, the Russians and the French to have settled the score with the Germans and Austrians then and there. Millions of lives lost in the subsequent warfare would have been avoided and Czardom would in all likelihood have been succeeded by a constitutional monarchy through a peaceful revolution."

Mr. Hooker stated that even when we did enter the war neither the Chief of Ordnance nor the Secretary of War had anything "but the nucleus of a second rate organization ready and Secretary Baker only produced the outline of a better one many months later, prepared during the night preceding an inquisition he was then passing through at the hands of outraged members of our national Congress."

SKETCH OF ELON HUNTINGTON HOOKER

Elon H. Hooker was born in Rochester, New York, November 23, 1860.

When Theodore Roosevelt was elected Governor of New York, he selected Mr. Hooker as deputy superintendnt of public works in charge of the operation of the State canal system. Colonel Roosevelt and Mr. Hooker were brought into close contact during this period and an intimate friendship resulted which lasted throughout the Colonel's life.

Mr. Hooker is president of The Hooker Electrochemical Company, organized by him at Niagara Falls in 1903. Never since it was started has the Hooker plant been the scene of serious labor disturbance.

He comes of a line of men who have always served their country. The first of the Hookers to reach America was Thomas Hooker, who established the colony of Connecticut and drafted for the colony the first written constitution known to history under which men governed themselves. Our National Senate and House of Representatives, at a later day was built upon this plan. Six Governors of Connecticut and Massachusetts were in the line of Mr. Hooker's ancestry. During the Revolution, his great grandfather, James Hooker, a ship owner of Hartford, gave his ships and most of his fortune to the colonies. Mr. Hooker's father was an officer in the famous Engineer Regiment of the West during the four years of Civil War.

MIDDLE INTERVALE ROAD

Mrs. Mary Capen is spending a week at her old home.

Master Kenneth Stanley spent last week in Portland with his aunt and uncle.

Harold Stanley and family motored to Paris, Sunday.

Mrs. E. T. Russell and sister dined with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Valentine, Tuesday.

C. A. Capen was in Lewiston, Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Geo. Gibbs and her father spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Valentine, and family.

Mr. Harold Stanley cut his knee quite badly Monday while working in the woods for A. M. Carter.

Mrs. G. E. Stanley is visiting her daughter, Bessie, in Portland.

Neil Carter was at the village, Monday.

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FEDERAL AID BIG STIMULUS

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under the supervision of engineers of the State departments has resulted in placing a much larger proportion of road work under skilled direction. In 1915, the year before the Federal-aid act was passed, only 30 per cent of the money for roads and bridges built in the United States was expended under the supervision of State highway departments. This year these departments will exercise control over fully 80 per cent of the large sums that will be spent for road building.

The Federal Government's present program of highway improvement is the result of two acts: The Federal-aid road act, signed by the President July 11, 1916, and provisions in the Post-Office appropriation bill for 1920, signed February 28, 1919, containing an amendment to the original Federal-aid road act. The original appropriation of $75,000,000 was made available for rural post roads in installments at the rate of $5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917; $10,000,000 for the fiscal year 1918; $15,000,000 for the year 1919; $20,000,000 for the year 1920; and $25,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June, 1921. Ten million dollars for forest roads was made available at the rate of $1,000,000 a year after July 1, 1916. The apportionment of the post-road appropriations of the States, after deducting the administrative fund, which must not exceed 3 per cent, is based upon areas, population, and mileage of rural delivery and star routes in each State. Each of these factors has a weight of one-third.

Federal Activities Broadened

Three months after the signing of the armistice the Post-Office appropriation bill for 1920 became a law. One of the important amendments which it contained provided that the term "rural post roads," as used in the earlier act, was to be construed to mean "any public road a portion of which is now used or can be used or forms a connecting link not to exceed ten miles in length of any road or roads now or hereafter used in the transportation of the United States mails." The law also changed a limitation to the effect that the Government expenditure could not be in excess of $10,000 per mile (exclusive of bridges of more than 20 feet clear span) by raising the maximum to $20,000 per mile. This Post-Office appropriation bill carried an additional appropriation of $200,000,000 for the construction of Federal-aid roads and $9,000,000 additional for the construction and maintenance of roads and trails in the national forests.

All of the Federal funds may be expended only for construction and must not exceed 50 per cent of the value of the roads. In other words, the States, either directly or through county or other government units, are required to bear something more than half of the total cost of their road improvement.

Under the law the Secretary of Agriculture is charged with the administration of the Federal-aid act. He has assigned the details of administration to the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, a branch of the department which is considered to be in closer touch with the highway situation and requirements of the country as a whole than any other agency in the United State.

States Must Initiate Projects

The Federal aid act requires that road projects for Federal aid be initiated by the States. As a first step a statement is forwarded to the district engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads, announcing in effect that the State proposes to build a piece of road of a certain type and length in a certain location. This notice, known as a "project statement," is accompanied by an estimate of cost. The project statement is examined by the district engineer to determine whether the project complies with the Federal-aid road act. If his decision is favorable he forwards the statement to the Washington office with his recommendation. There it is examined by the chief engineer and his assistants, and if the latter concurs in the recommendation of the district engineer the project is placed before the Secretary of Agriculture for his approval. Until the Secretary has acted, no further action is taken by the State. Over half of the projects handled are passed by district officers in an average of five days— an illustration of the manner in which work can be expedited even where a large organization and complex procedure are involved.

Big Mileage Approved

Up to June 30, 1920, 2,985 projects involving a total of 29,319 miles of road had been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture. The preliminary estimate of the cost of these projects is approximately $384,000,000, of which approximately $163,841,000 will be approved as Federal aid. On the same date 2,116 projects, representing approximately 15,944 miles, had either been completed or were under construction. The estimated total cost of these projects in various stages of construction and completed is $200,000,000. The total cost of Federal-aid work approved by the Secretary in the 19 months subsequent to the signing of the armistice, and prior to July 1, 1920, which is approximately $330,000,000, exceeded by $63,000,000 the cost of all roads and bridge work done by States and counties in this country in 1915. The value of the work completed during that period amounted to $60,000,000, a rate of construction equalling that of the Panama Canal.

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